



**Porthcawl's 'secret' music
festival is a smash hit!**

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Brynteg celebrates 'very strong' GCSE performances



*Delighted pupils at Brynteg
Comprehensive School.*

STAFF and pupils at
Brynteg Comp-
rehensive School are
celebrating "very
strong" GCSE results
in English, maths and
science.

The headteacher,
David Jenkins, said:

"We are very pleased
with this year's GCSE
results, which once
again confirm the very
high standards we
achieve within Brynteg.
"Performance in
English, maths and
science was very strong."

We congratulate all of
our pupils and staff on
the results. Their hard
work has once again
been rewarded.

"Twenty five pupils
achieved 10 or more
A*/A grades and nearly
25 per cent of the cohort
achieved five or more
A*/A grades.

"We look forward to
welcoming back the vast
majority of year-11 into
our exceptionally
successful sixth form to
further build on their
successful GCSE
performance."

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Regional AM calls for council to revive Rhiw indoor market

Regional Welsh Conservative AM,
Suzy Davies, has criticised
Bridgend County Borough
Council (BCBC) over its
management of the Rhiw Indoor
Market, saying it has been slow to
find ways of attracting new
tenants.

However, BCBC insists that some of

the measures she wants to see are already
being done, and that the traders and
council are working jointly on other
measures.

Mrs Davies has also discovered that
BCBC is locked into a lease on the town's
market hall lasting another 54 years –
with no break clauses.

The information was obtained from a
Freedom of Information request which
also revealed that the council pays annual

rent, services charges and insurance of
£226,000 for the market, which is owned
by a private property company.

It received rent of £246,000 from
stallholders in the last financial year.

Mrs Davies took up the issue after
meeting market traders who are anxious
about the future of the market, where 11
of the 29 stalls are now empty.

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Apprentice 'blown away' by CERN

AN engineering apprentice from Pencoed's Sony UK Technology Centre has been on "the trip of a lifetime" to the world's most powerful particle accelerator.

Max Rochefort-Shugar has visited the European Organization for Nuclear Research, known as CERN, in Switzerland, which pioneers some of the world's most advanced research.

As part of his visit to the world-renowned facility, the 20-year-old apprentice from Sony UK TEC had the opportunity to view the anti-particle factory which houses the Large Hadron Collider.

The machine is the world's largest and most powerful particle collider, which allows physicists to test the predictions of different theories of particle physics.

As a budding engineer, the Merthyr College student was "blown away" by this, with experts at the



Max Rochefort-Shugar.
(Photo by Dafydd Steven Jones)

facility also giving him an insight into the physics behind particle accelerators.

He said: "It was an absolutely unforgettable experience, and I thoroughly enjoyed it."

"It was fascinating to see the physics concepts I had learned at school being applied as part of the ongoing

research at CERN. "The work that I saw being carried out there into asset management software, archive documents,

and their use of software to manage the organisation's operations between departments, will also be highly beneficial as part of my apprenticeship with Sony UK TEC.

"CERN research the unexplored areas of the physical world. The visit has inspired me to continue to ask questions, explore new concepts, be curious about why things are the way they are, and to think differently."

"There can be multiple solutions to a problem and it's important to look at things from different angles."

Max was chosen to take part in the research trip after joining Sony UK TEC, in Pencoed, as an apprentice electrical and software engineer 10 months ago.

Bridgend Castle Players present 'a double bill'

BRIDGEND Castle Players are proud to present their latest production: *An Evening of Entertainment*.

Two one-act plays will be performed: *Arbeit Macht Frei* (Work Makes you Free), written and directed by Phil Nash, and *Goodbye, Mr Chipping*, a comedy by Phil Nash, directed by Hollie Evans, co-directed by Len Edwards.

Arbeit Macht Frei: Dr Felix Liebermann has returned to the site of the Nazi concentration camp where his family were killed in order to fulfil a promise he made when he was liberated – to say 'Kaddish' for them.

Here he meets Schiller, and the two men find they share a common bond, both of them having been in the camp. But then the truth emerges and they are forced into reliving the horrors of the past, and to face the truth about themselves.

Goodbye, Mr Chipping: The local council-owned workingmen's hall and cinema has shown its last film and been scheduled for 'redevelopment' by the local authority. However, the planning committee have not reckoned with Oscar Chipping, long time manager and projectionist.

The redoubtable Mr Chipping takes a stand to save the cultural heritage of the community – and his job!

An Evening of Entertainment will be held at Bettws Community Club on Thursday, September 21. Doors open 7pm, show starts 7.30pm.

Tickets £6 (which includes Ploughman's Buffet) will be available beforehand via Bridgend Castle Players' treasurer, Rhian – treasurer@bridgendcastleplayers.org / 07814 881445, and at Bettws Community Club.

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'If you do not like the term remoaners, then stop moaning!'

I READ with interest the excellent letter by Jeff Goodwin – factually accurate and highlighting the 'double standards' being practised by our rulers.

Compare – Welsh devolution – 50.22 per cent turnout (including 3,999 spoiled papers); 11 local authorities voted Yes; 11 voted No: 50.30 per cent Yes; 49.70 per cent No – 0.60 per cent majority.

Result: Devolution referendum 1997. No demands for re-run. Assembly formed 1999.

EU Referendum (Wales): 71 per cent turnout; majority, 82,025.

Five local authorities voted Remain; 17 local authorities voted Leave; 47 per cent Remain, 53 per cent Leave – 6 per cent majority.

Result: Wailing and moaning from a bunch of sad, bad losers.

We are witnessing the continued disintegration of democracy and the remoaners are precipitating this.

D Williams (*Letters*, August 17) advises us to revisit British history: As a 91-year-old, I have a long personal memory of modern history and I am proud of our history.

The 1930s – the pride we had in creating and governing the largest Empire the world had known – which became the Great Commonwealth of

Nations – the gratitude when they joined and helped the Allies to save Europe.

Post War 1945 Britain was a bankrupt nation, flat broke on our own, but with a good Labour Government. We lifted ourselves by the shoelaces and after some hard years we battled through. Look at the NHS and social services from that time.

Common Market 1973 – when we turned against the Commonwealth – high food prices! Remember the butter mountain, the cheese mountain, the wine lakes and the tons of dried milk? All paid for by taxpayers to maintain high prices for French farmers.

There was the steady signing away of our independence by our Prime Ministers without a vote. For the past 30 years, auditors have refused to clear EU accounts. Where did the money go?

Finally, I would challenge the statement that Britain was often described as 'the Sick Man of Europe'. In the mid-19th century, Tsar Nicholas of Russia invited Britain to join him to complete the last Will and Testament of the Ottoman Empire, the sick man.

The Ottoman Empire was known as the 'sick man of Europe' and this continued until formally ended in 1920 with the Treaty of S'evres.

Many European countries have been called the sick man of

Europe., such as Italy, Spain, Portugal etc.

Britain was given the title during the Wilson/Callaghan ministry while we were in the EC. In 2015/2016, it was suggested that the EU

was the sick man of Europe. Britain has the people to make us world traders – let them do it. If you don't like the term remoaners – stop moaning. J Fletcher (aged 91 years)

Immigration count

THERE are moves to exclude foreign students from immigration figures, on the basis that eventually they go back home.

The point is – are they here or are they not? Excluding them would be like a bank failing to record deposits into our bank account, on the grounds that in due course we are going to take the money out again.

In any case, how can anyone say that students (or anyone else) do actually go back home, other than by counting them in and out?

R Bradshaw, Cowbridge

TIME TO PULL TOGETHER FOR BRITAIN

WELL done, M Lewis, Cowbridge, for speaking out regarding Brexit.

Instead of all the whining, every person with a vote should work together to take back control of our great country.

We did it in 1939-45 and we can do it again.

L Jeffery, Dinas Powys.

HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL SEPTEMBER 7)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

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03 Sun	06.26	8.1	17.44	8.6
04 Mon	06.08	8.8	18.24	9.1
05 Tues	06.46	9.3	18.59	9.6
06 Wed	07.21	9.7	19.39	9.9
07 Thur	07.58	10.0	20.16	10.1

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Some of Bryntirion's highest achievers.

Bryntirion School reports 'another record year' of GCSE results



It's "Yay!" and a thumbs-up for this group of GCSE pupils!

Pupils and staff at Bryntirion are celebrating what a school spokesperson described as "another record year for GCSE results", with 62 per cent of pupils gaining A or A* grades at GCSE and almost 30 per cent achieving at least five GCSEs at A* or A.

The school offered its congratulations to the following pupils for achieving at least 12 A*-A grades: Amber Davies (11A*, 1A); Nabheel Rahman (10A*, 2A); Matthew Daley (9A*, 4A); and Ed

Biebrach Hannah Jenkins, Lucas King, and Megan Lloyd (all achieving 9A*, 3A).

Nick Brain, headteacher, said: "With 99 per cent of pupils gaining five or more GCSE grades or equivalent, it is wonderful to report such outstanding results once again and we are incredibly proud to celebrate the fantastic achievements of all of our year 11 pupils. "These results reflect the hard work and commitment of pupils, parents and teachers to achieve results of the highest standard."

"Congratulations to all and good luck for the future."

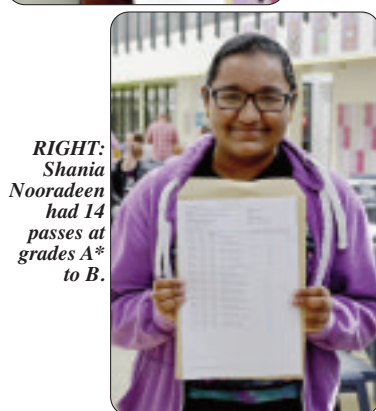
Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen head 'incredibly proud' of GCSE pupils



LEFT: Connor Drury achieved 15 passes at grades A to C.



LEFT: Chelsea Dyke passed nine GCSEs at A* and a further seven at A.



RIGHT: Shania Nooradeen had 14 passes at grades A* to B.

A spokesperson for Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen (CCYD) said: "We are pleased to report another strong year of GCSE results at the school, with many exceptional performances."

Within this category are pupils who each passed 16 or more GCSEs at grades A* to C.

These included: Chelsea Dyke (9A*, 7A); Iwan James (10A, 3B and 3C); Rhodri Ellis (6A*, 4A and 6B); Jordan Jones (5A*, 6A,

4B and 4C) and Kieran Lewis 1A*, 7A, 6B and 3C.

Nick Brain, executive headteacher of CCYD, "These results are the just reward for all the hard work, commitment and dedication of pupils, staff, governors and parents alike."

"The whole school community has worked tirelessly to raise standards at Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen this year, and we are incredibly proud of the achievements of our pupils."

Men's group gets cash boost from building company



Squirrel's Nest members welcome visitors from Jistcourt.

The Squirrel's Nest in Tondy is getting its name out there in the community and recently received a welcome donation from a local business.

As the first working Men's Shed in Wales, the group is carrying the flag for this new way of guys (and girls) getting together to be social and useful.

After the success of their recent Open Day, where the Squirrel's Nest members demonstrated their craft skills, they recently benefitted from a donation from local contractor Jistcourt.

Jistcourt are working

on a refurbishment for Valleys to Coast properties and, as part of their contract, they look around for opportunities to benefit the local community.

Emma Norman from Jistcourt visited the Squirrel's Nest hub in Tondy and was wowed by the enthusiasm and craftsmanship.

Rachel Morton of Valleys to Coast, said: "We are really pleased that our contractor was so impressed with the work the guys were doing."

"Jistcourt are hoping, after the cash donation, to support the Squirrel's Nest with any wood that can be reclaimed for their craft work."

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Just one example of the men's work. (Photo by Mandy Thomas).

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Porthcawl Comprehensive GCSE results: 'A strong performance in volatile times'



Millie Fry and Mum.



Bethan Jenkins and Nia Eales.



Sara Cobley, and Abbie Williams



Grace Meredith and Anna Bijou



Hannah Ashton, Rhys Leary, Millie Fry



ABOVE: Abbie Perkins and Beth Burke.

AT Porthcawl Comprehensive, there was widespread delight at the GCSE results – but the school added the caveat that it was not possible to compare this year's results with last year's.

A school spokesperson said: "This is the first year that the new GCSE qualifications have been sat. There are two qualifications in maths and a new GCSE in English.

"The results across the local authority and Wales have been very mixed but the performance at Porthcawl has remained strong. The Level 2 (A*-C) for English was 69 per cent and maths was 76 per cent.

"Science continues to perform remarkably well, with a Level 2 score of 92 per cent. The performance across the board remains one to be proud of, with 83 per cent of our pupils achieving five or more A*-C. "An outstanding feature of the results was an improvement of the 5A*-A performance to 34 per cent, well above local and national averages.

"These are the first set of "New" GCSE results, so any comparison with previous years is not possible. Almost half of the departments in our school report an outstanding A*-C performance at 80 per cent or better.

"A most remarkable 56 students gained eight or more GCSEs at A*/A the largest number ever at Porthcawl. This equates to an incredible 27% of the year group.

There stand-out performances from:

Hannah Ashton – 2A*, 10A, 2B; Emily Barnston – 8A*, 5A, 1B, Merit (Add Maths); Lucie Bentley – 7A*, 5A, 2B, Pass (Add Maths); Anna Bijou – 13A*, 1A, Distinction (Add Maths); Daisy Brown – 6A*, 4A, 2B; Beth Burke – 12A*, 2A, Distinction (Add Maths); Emily Childs – 9A*, 4A, 2B; Sara Cobley – 8A, 6B; Patrick Coleman – 2A*, 7A, 5B; Jamimah Cook – 7A*, 7A, Distinction (Add Maths); Lauren Cooper – 10A*, 3A,

1B, Distinction (Add Maths); Cerys Davenport – 10A, 3B, 1C; Sarah Davidson – 5A*, 8A, 1B, Merit (Add Maths); Lucy Dennis – 6A*, 6A, 2B, Merit (Add Maths); Nia Eales – 6A*, 7A, 2B; Skylar Evans – 9A, 3B, 2C; Conor Farrell-John – 6A*, 8A, Merit (Add Maths); Marcus Fish – 6A*, 3A, 3B, 2C, Distinction (Add Maths); Millie Fry – 7A*, 6A, 1B; Mollie Hodgson – 4A*, 10A, Distinction (Add Maths); Emily James – 5A*, 6A, 4B, Pass (Add Maths); Bethan Jenkins – 2A*, 9A, 3B; Rhys Leary – 8A*, 4A, 2B, Distinction (Add Maths); Rhian Lister – 1A*, 8A, 5B, Pass (Add Maths); Elen McCloy – 12A*, 3A, Distinction (Add Maths); Grace Meredith – 7A*, 7A; Natalie Morley – 6A*, 5A, 3B; Megan Morris – 2A*, 7A, 4B; Richard Morris – 6A*, 5A, 1B, 1D, 1F; George Neeson – 3A*, 7A, 2B, 1C, 1D; Gracie Nicholls – 1A*, 8A, 4B; Ross Overton – 1A*, 8A, 4B; Rebecca Owen – 2A*, 6A, 6B; Jenny Passingham – 5A*, 3A, 5B, 1D, Distinction (Add Maths); Abbie Perkins – 3A*, 7A, 3B, 1C; Tilly Perks – 3A*, 5A, 3B, 3C; Amy Phillips – 2A*, 6A, 5B; Catherine Pickett – 14A*, Distinction (Add Maths); Phoebe Roach – 6A*, 6A, 2B; Morgan Roberts – 6A*, 8A; Hannah Scourfield – 2A*, 6A, 6B; Lauren Slaughter – 9A*, 5A, Distinction (Add Maths); Maya Squires – 8A*, 4A, 2B; Jack Strong – 3A*, 6A, 3B, 2C; Cai Thomas – 7A*, 5A, 2B, 1C; Eden Thomas – 3A*, 5A, 6B; Harriet Thomas – 8A, 5B, 1C; Jessica Thornton – 8A*, 5A, 1B, Pass (Add Maths); Caitlin Traylor – 4A*, 10A; Rhiannon Tuckett-Jones – 9A*, 5A, Merit (Add Maths); Matthew Turner – 4A*, 5A, 2B, 1C, 1D, Merit (Add Maths); Ieuan Walmsley-Williams – 4A*, 6A, 3B, 1C; Abbie Williams – 3A*, 6A, 5B; Elizabeth Williams – 9A, 4B, 1C; Megan Williams – 3A*, 7A, 3B, 1C; Maja Zeleska – 8A*, 5A, 1B, Distinction (Add Maths).



Sarah Davidson, Catherine Pickett, Elen McCloy, Abbie Perkins



ABOVE: Hannah Scourfield.



Amy Phillips and Mum.



ABOVE: Lucy Dennis, Lucie Bentley, Eden Thomas, Maya Squires, and Jessica Thornton.



ABOVE: Maja Zeleska, Lauren Cooper and Beth Burke



Members of the Porthcawl Interact Club.

WELCOME TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF PORTHCAWL...

MANY people have asked us at Porthcawl Rotary Club who we are and what we do.

So, in the coming weeks we hope to offer a summary of what the Rotary Club of Porthcawl is all about; starting this week with our youth activities.

We support several programmes aimed at giving young people the opportunity to take part in Rotary Youth competitions including: Young Musician; Young Writer; Youth Speaks and RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards).

We also sponsor two Rotary Interact Clubs.

Young Musician

This year one of our students not only won our own club and area young musician competition, but also took part in the District 1150 final in the University of Wales Music School. We look forward to further successes in the future.

Young Writer

The RIBI Young Writer competition is



Competitors in the 'Young Music' event.



Outdoor activities are an integral part of the Rotary Young Leadership award scheme.

open to young people of various age groups who are 17 or under on August 31. This year, we chose age group seven to eight years of age.

Three schools entered

the competition. The winner was from Porthcawl Primary School. We hope that we can repeat the success of the competition again in 2017-18.

Youth Speaks

Although we have organised a Youth Speaks programme in years past, we have been unable to enter this competition for some years.

Next year, we hope to re-ignite enthusiasm from the schools to provide entries once again.

Teams are judged on the chairperson's management of the meeting; and the speaker's ability to present and develop a topic, and ability to answer the question set.

Rotary Interact Clubs

As a junior section of

Rotary, Interact gives students ages 12-18 the chance to make a real difference while having fun.

We currently sponsor two Interact Clubs; one in St Clare's School and one in Porthcawl Comprehensive.

The clubs help young people to connect with community leaders, develop leadership skills, make international contacts and discover more opportunities to connect with Rotary.

The Interact clubs organise several events each year to raise funds for distribution to good causes.

Overseen by the chair of our own youth opportunities committee, members of the Rotary Club of Porthcawl act as liaison between Interact and the club.

DENZIL GOULD

Local Townswomen's Guild tea and chat

WE do not have a guild meeting in August but have enjoyed a splendid afternoon cream tea.

This was catered for us by Jane Morgan of 'A Matter of Taste', as we loved the tea she provided last year. We had guests from Cardiff Federation and Bridgend Guild and much chat and catching up of news.

Members were reminded of an outing in September to Carmarthen with another cream tea. Can't go wrong with eating out!

Congratulations to Simon Richardson, our own gold medal winning paralympian, on completing a cycle ride from Paris to Swansea. The guild sponsored him and he raised £1,500 for the Air Ambulance. What next Simon?

Our next meeting is on September 13 at 2pm at All Saints' church hall when we will enjoy another afternoon tea, this time celebrating harvest! Do come and join us!

Who can resist a free tea?

DOROTHY THOMAS

'On rail infrastructure, the Tories are as silent as Big Ben' – says the Ogmore MP

THE summer silly season is most

definitely upon us, with the hysteria which has ensued following the silencing of Big Ben.

MPs – granted from both sides of the political divide – have seemingly been devastated by this news and appear to want to do anything to ensure the bell keeps chiming for the next four years.

It seems fairly obvious to me that with the amount of issues facing the communities across my constituency and indeed around the UK, the question as to whether a bell in London chimes every 15 minutes pales into insignificance.

Big Ben isn't the only example of things going quiet this summer.

You might remember my previous column, where I wrote about the UK Tory Government's scandalous decision to cancel the electrification of the Great Western Mainline all the way to Swansea. Well, this month my Welsh Labour colleagues and I have been anything but quiet

on the issue.

All 22 south Wales Welsh Labour MPs co-signed a letter I wrote to the Transport Secretary, Chris Grayling MP, and the Welsh Secretary, Alun Cairns MP.

In this letter, we call on the UK Government to reverse its decision to scrap electrification, address the historical underfunding of the Welsh rail network and honour the funding agreement made with the Welsh Government in 2014 to secure a sustainable new Wales and Borders franchise agreement.

It simply cannot be right that, despite Wales having 11 per cent of the total track across England and Wales, Welsh routes have only received around a meagre 1.5 per cent of UK Government spending on rail upgrades since 2011.

My Welsh Labour colleagues and I will keep up the pressure when Parliament returns to ensure the Tories don't keep leaving Wales behind.

MOVING SERVICE

In other news, I found it incredibly moving to attend the 125th



MP Chris Elmore. Photo by Chris McAndrew/UK Parliament.

anniversary of the Parc Slip disaster last week. 112 men and boys tragically lost their lives in the explosion at the colliery which is thought to have been caused by a faulty Davy lamp.

Alongside Huw Irranca-Davies, Ogmore AM; Leader of Bridgend County Borough Council and councillor for Cefn Cribwr, Huw David; and local residents, it was a privilege to attend a moving service at the Parc Slip Nature Reserve to remember those who were killed.

Thank you to the Parc Slip Memorial committee and all the volunteers, who continue to ensure the memories of those who were tragically lost 125 years

ago live on today.

Whether in the past, or today, we must always learn from disasters to prevent such avoidable events from recurring.

GRENFELL LESSONS

Following the devastating fire at the Grenfell Tower in Kensington, I wrote to Sir Martin Moore-Bick, the chair of the Grenfell Inquiry, to ask that he looks at the impact flammable insulation may have had in the fire.

I'm pleased to say that Mr Moore-Bick has now responded and has assured me that this will be assessed as part of his investigations.

I will be monitoring the inquiry closely to determine whether there are any lessons which may be applicable to building regulations around the UK.

As always, if you would like to raise any issues with me, you can attend my advice surgeries (which are published on www.chriselmore.co.uk), call my office on 01656 860 034, or email chris.elmore.mp@parliament.uk.



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A 'worthy set of GCSE results' reported by Pencoed Comprehensive



ACCORDING to a spokesperson for Pencoed Comprehensive School, there was "a real buzz of excitement when pupils collected their results from the school, with numerous pupils exceeding their target grades".

The spokesperson

added that 2017 saw the "best ever" results for more able pupils at the school, with nearly one in five students achieving 5A*-A at GCSE, adding "many students are hoping to return to Penybont Sixth Form College to study A-Levels in September."

The school reported that some 29 pupils achieved at least 5 A*-A grades at GCSE and there were "outstanding" individual results from

pupils achieving 10 or more A*-A GCSE grades.

These were: Jonathon Carr, Hannah Griffiths, Kahlia Mader and Brooke Silver achieving 13 A*-A grades;

12 A*-A grades gained by Lillie-Mai Jones and Shannon Phelps;

Josephine Davies and Dylan Thomas each passing 11 A*-A grades; and 10 A*/A grades achieved by Thomas Bending.

The spokesperson said: "At Pencoed Comprehensive School we pride ourselves on being an inclusive school, supporting pupils of all levels of ability."

"As one of three schools in Bridgend with a resource base for pupils with moderate learning difficulties (MLD), we are delighted to report pleasing results for our year- 11 MLD cohort."

"Congratulations to all of our pupils, parents, staff and governors on a worthy set of results this year."

Police anxious over welfare of missing man

SOUTH Wales Police has appealed for information on the whereabouts of Alan Gowans, who has been missing since August 24.

A police spokeswoman said: "Alan (49) who is from the North Connelly area, is five feet, eight inches tall, of slim build, with short brown hair. He has tattoos on his left forearm."

"If you have seen him, or have any information on his whereabouts, please contact the police on 101, quoting the reference: 1700330075."

"Alan himself is also urged to make contact via the same number to confirm he is safe and well."



Florence will blaze in night sky

BRIDGEND Astronomical Society begins its 2017/2018 season, if not with a proverbial Big Bang, but certainly not far short.

Dr Chris North of *Sky at Night* fame is the speaker at their September meeting. The society meets in Pyle Church Hall at 7.30pm on the second Friday of each month between September and April.

Dr North is always a popular attraction, and his subject for the evening of September 8 will be 'Mysteries of the Solar System'. Do come along, no scientific knowledge is necessary and all are welcome.

An excellent programme of speakers follows on through to next April with topics such as dark galaxies, black holes and evolution of life on a habitable planet to name just three. Details of the full programme can be found on the society's website: www.bridgendastronomicalsociety.com

What's up?

NEAR-Earth asteroid Florence (named after Florence Nightingale) is scheduled to blaze past our planet tomorrow, September 1, at a distance of just over four million miles. That's only 18 times the distance from the Earth to the moon.



Dr Chris North.

At 2.7 miles in size, it's the largest rock to pass by our planet since the NASA programme to detect and track near-Earth asteroids began.

The asteroid or comet which impacted the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico some 66 million years ago, killing off 75 per cent of plant and animal species on Earth, was just two or three times larger than Florence.

On the plus side of this one, however, the extinction of the then dominant dinosaurs paved the way for the diversification of mammals that eventually led to Homo sapiens taking the ascendancy.

Hold on tight! There's another one on the way!

A smaller asteroid is on track to pass by the Earth next month and this one will come a lot closer, giving scientists a chance to try out their planetary defence system.

NORMAN LLOYD

MP gives insight into day to day life in Parliament

THE Bridgend County Civic Charity Committee held a successful afternoon tea at the Hi-Tide Inn, Porthcawl, when everyone was welcomed by the Mayor of the county borough of Bridgend, Coun Pamela Davies.

The Mayor's Deacon, Rev Dr Philip Manghan, gave grace before the meal was served. The Hi-Tide provided an abundance of delicious food.

The guest speaker was Madeleine Moon, MP for Bridgend, who charmed us all with her intriguing explanation of the comings and goings of MPs in Parliament. Being an MP is never boring and they depend on their members locally to feed them with the information that they require answers for.

Ms Moon makes a point to visit schools, get involved with local charities and try to make the workplace a safe and better place.

The comperè was Cherie Jones, who thanked all present and the Hi-Tide management and staff for a wonderful afternoon.

The Mayor added her thanks to everyone, especially Ms Moon for being so interesting and giving her time for the benefit of worthwhile local charities, Alzheimer Society Bridgend, Breast Cancer Unit at the Princess of Wales Hospital and Bridgend Youth Theatre. The civic charities will benefit by £350.

The next event is at the Seasons Restaurant, Bridgend College, Cowbridge Road, Bridgend, on Wednesday, September 6 – a 'cheese and wine evening' – with entertainment provided by the Maesteg Ukulele Group from 6pm to 9pm; tickets £10.

For more information and to reserve tickets, contact M Major on 01656 651491, or M Thomas on 01656 871439.

Bridgend Male Choir in 'inspiring' charity concert



Chairman Gareth Davies introduces the programme.



Soprano Sally Ann Kingsbury.

What's it all about? Alfie



ALFIE is this week's dog of the week.

He is a loveable, but sensitive, seven-year-old springer spaniel and loves doing all the things that spaniels like to do: going for new and interesting walks, swimming, meeting new canine friends and getting muddy.

After all that, he is happy to curl up in his bed and have a long nap. Alfie is house-trained and could be left for a few hours. He is looking for an experienced, quiet, adult home with no visiting children and with minimal visitors as

he is worried when meeting new people.

He does need some time to get to know you, so multiple visits to the rehoming centre will be required.

However, once the trust is there, he is the most loyal and loving dog and will be the perfect companion.

For more information on Alfie, visit the Dogs Trust Rehoming Centre in Bridgend, CF31 4NG; or call 01656 725219. You can also visit the website at www.dogs-trust.org.uk.

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THE highlight for many people following the Welsh Kennel Club's successful three-day show at RWAS, Builth Wells, was a joint concert in support of Breast Cancer Wales given by Bridgend Male Choir, Builth Wells Ladies' Choir, and soprano Sally Ann Kingsbury.

All three gave a wonderful light and shade performance in the main hall at the showground. The assembled audience, both national and international, were impressed by the quality and the depth of feeling, with many fantastic comments received on a very inspiring and enjoyable concert.

The many overseas judges and visitors were all very impressed and judging from the excellent comments on the canine Facebook pages and various phone camera recording going around, BMC's reputation will have been enhanced all around the globe. One recording received over 3,500 hits.

Bridgend Male Choir can next be seen in concert, in support of Parkinson's UK, on September 16 at Bethlehem Church Life Centre, Cefn Cribwr.

Martin Cadogan

'Much to celebrate' at Maesteg Comprehensive



AT Maesteg Comprehensive School on GCSE results day, there were plenty of smiles at how well the pupils had performed in a year when they were, in effect, 'guinea pigs'.

Headteacher Helen Jones reflected: "This year, pupils throughout Wales faced an extremely tough set of challenges. They had to complete two maths exams, maths numeracy and traditional maths, and a completely new style GCSE English paper, with a significantly reduced coursework element. "They also had to pursue traditionally, 'academic' courses as the value of vocational courses was reduced this year.

"The children of the 2017 cohort across the country have been the 'guinea pigs' of this new system and have done their very best under challenging circumstances.

"Maesteg School pupils achieved some impressive academic and personal achievements: 97 per cent of our pupils achieved at least one A* - C grade and no pupil left the school without a qualification.

"There were some outstanding individual performances in English, maths, and science and there were

also some excellent overall results in physics, biology, chemistry, drama, art, music and textiles, French and PE.

"It has not been an easy year for pupils and teachers across Wales, but our pupils have done their very best and made the Maesteg school community proud.

"Their results are the culmination of hard work from pupils and teachers alike and unstinting support from parents. We are very proud of their achievements and hope to welcome them back into our sixth form to enable them to continue on their learning journey.

"As always, there were some outstanding individual performances. Particular mention should go to:

Sophie Evans - 6A*, 7A, 2B; Amy Ford - 6A*, 2A, 6B; Niamh Beynon - 4A*, 6A, 4B, 1C; Megan Curling - 4A*, 8A, 3B; Erin John - 4A*, 8A, 3B; Chloe Roberts - 4A*, 6A, 3B, 2C; Luke Walker - 4A*, 3A, 4B, 3C; George James - 3A*, 5A, 6B.

Helen Jones added: "There is much to celebrate, and the governors and I would like to take this opportunity to say 'well done' to all of our students'."

English curriculum GCSE triumph for St Clare's pupils



PUPILS and staff at St Clare's School in Porthcawl have celebrated excellent GCSE results, a spokeswoman for the school reported.

She continued: "St Clare's has been delivering the English curriculum for GCSE examinations and not the Welsh, which means that St Clare's pupils sat the new, reformed GCSEs in English language, English literature and maths this summer.

"The new GCSEs will ensure that pupils leave school with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in the 21st century.

"They cover more challenging content and are designed to match standards in the strongest performing education systems elsewhere in the world."

The school reported the following:

100 per cent of grades at the new Grade 4+ in English literature

(UK 72 per cent);

85.3 per cent of grades at the new Grade 4+ in English language (UK 64.9 per cent);

80.6 per cent of grades at the new Grade 4+ in maths (UK 68.9 per cent);

53.3 per cent of grades at the new Grade 7 in English literature (UK 18.8 per cent).

Headmaster Simon Antwis said: "Although university might seem a long way off when deciding on GCSEs, choices at this stage can directly impact on options when it comes to A-Levels and, in turn, when applying to university."

This year, in unreformed GCSEs, 37.8 per cent (an improvement of just over seven per cent on 2016) of St Clare's grades were at A*-A (UK 22.1 per cent) and 93.3 per cent (an improvement of nearly four per cent on 2016) of grades were at A*-C (UK 67.4 per cent), with 86 per cent achieving a "standard

pass" at the new Grade 4+.

Some 68 per cent achieved a "strong pass" at Grade 5+ in English language and maths.

The spokeswoman said that 23 per cent (UK 17.4 per cent) of the school's grades were at Grade 7 or above, adding, "...with Timothy Pottage securing the new top Grade 9 in maths which is equivalent to an A**.

"Sam Chumley and Kate Layland particularly excelled, gaining 6 A*, an A and 8, 8, 6 grades, and 5A*, 2 As and 8, 8, 8 grades, respectively. Edwards Pyves also performed superbly well and achieved 5 A*, A, B and 7, 7, 6 grades."

Mr Antwis said, "It is a pleasure to celebrate with our staff and pupils who have worked so hard to achieve these results.

"My congratulations go to all of our GCSE pupils and I wish them every success as they take their next steps into A-Levels and beyond."

MUSIC FESTIVAL PACKS OUT NEWTON VILLAGE GREEN IN THE SUNSHINE

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THE Newton Music Festival is one of Porthcawl's best-kept 'secrets' – once again filling Newton Green with an enthusiastic audience, with no pre-publicity, simply word of mouth.

On a beautiful late August Saturday (August 26) from mid morning to 10pm a bank holiday crowd was treated to the sounds of 11 musical acts that ranged from soloists through soul and rock bands to punk, raising funds for local charities.

The festival included a retail village and other amenities, such as bouncy castles, to entertain the younger members of the audience.

By late Sunday morning the small army of volunteers had restored Newton and the Green, back to its sleepy calm, having cleared the refuse that had been left by the previous day's revellers.



The Big Fat Blues Band.



ABOVE: Jumping Jimmy and the Nice Guys.



ABOVE: The Humming Birds.



ABOVE: Jo Thornton.



South Road.



Kristina Buffet.



*ABOVE: Chief organiser
Steve Maitland-Thomas*



Taya Beechey.



ABOVE: Sarasota in action.



The 1990s.



ABOVE: Now that's what we call a packed audience!



'Development will put even more pressure on area transport system' Welsh Government is urged to call in plans for 460 homes in Vale

PLANS to build 460 houses on land just off the A4119 will put even greater pressures on transport infrastructure in the Vale, says South Wales Central regional AM Andrew RT Davies.

A planning application has been submitted for the Cefn Yr Hendy development – on land between Miskin, Talbot Green and Mwyndy.

"It also has the potential to create problems for villages in the rural Vale – including Hensol, Welsh St Donats and Pendoylan – as it will worsen existing capacity issues at Junction 34 of the M4," he argues.

As well as submitting a formal objection to Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council, the Welsh Tory leader has written to the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs, Lesley Griffiths AM – asking her to call in the planning application.

He has cited particular issues of national significance – including the fact the application goes beyond the locality and will affect residents of the Vale and Cardiff too.

"Residents of Pontyclun, Miskin and Talbot Green, have rightly expressed concerns about the proposed development at Cefn Yr Hendy – but the potential problems go far beyond these areas.

"With the site so close to a Junction 34 – adding so many new houses will inevitably exacerbate existing capacity issues with the road infrastructure.

"Vale residents using the junction will feel the effects of this – as will the village of Hensol, which is located close by. "I have, therefore, formally objected to the development – but there are also issues of national significance at stake.

"So I've also written to the Cabinet Secretary and asked her to call in the application – and I hope she will do so to ensure these are not ignored."

Andrew RT Davies at the site of the proposed Cefn Yr Hendy development.



AM gets an insight into hospital pressures



OGMORE Assembly Member Huw Irranca-Davies AM visited the Royal Glamorgan Hospital in Llantrisant recently.

He saw first-hand the excellent facilities of the A&E department, acute emergency care unit and the radiology department, a direct result of continued Welsh Government investment

in health services in Wales.

Following further tours of the children's centre and pathology department, He also observed the bed manager's meeting to see how complex pressures on bed spaces are resolved by senior nurses.

The AM commented: "The Royal Glamorgan Hospital is leading the way by implementing innovative systems and treatments to improve patient care.

"The success of the award winning hospital is owed to the hard work and commitment of the hospital workers, sometimes working under enormous pressures.

"It's always a pleasure to meet with frontline hospital staff to whom we owe so much. A very enjoyable visit."

KPC Youth & Community

FOLLOWING on from the Big Give Christmas Challenge 2016, KPC has signed up again for 2017 – and is seeking generous donors to pledge a minimum of £100 to enable it to go through to the next round.

It has a target to raise of £3,000. Pledges can be made on line at secure.thebiggive.org.uk/pledge/kpcyouthcommunity

In the meantime, the public can go along to a Baby and Toddler pre-loved sale at KPC on August 31 between 9.30am and 2.30pm, and grab a bargain!

1. The Mouse.
2. Watership Down.
3. Little Nellie.



Poignant memorial to the 112 men and boys who died.

COMMUNITY REMEMBERS THE PARC SLIP MINE DISASTER

125 YEARS after the disaster at the Parc Slip Colliery near Tondy, Bridgend, the local community came together to commemorate the tragedy.

An explosion, thought to have been caused by a faulty mining lamp, took the lives of 112 men and boys working at the mine.

Local politicians, including Ogmre Member of Parliament, Chris Elmore; Assembly Member, Huw Irranca-Davies, and Leader of Bridgend County Borough Council, Coun Huw David, attended the memorial event on Saturday.

Stating at 8.20am, marking the exact time the explosion occurred, local residents took part in a guided walk to commemorate those who lost their lives in the disaster.

Ogmre MP Chris Elmore commented: "125 years on, it's important that we came together to remember those who died, but also

recognise the courage of those who helped in the rescue efforts which helped to save so many."

The rescue effort following the tragedy saw 39 trapped miners brought to the surface. The operation continued well into the day following the initial explosion.

Huw Irranca-Davies AM added: "The dedication of Neville Granville and others in arranging this annual commemoration is commendable. The tranquil surroundings of the wildlife reserve add an extra poignancy to recalling the violent explosion that killed so many."

A memorial (above) comprised of 112 individual stones with water flowing over them, now stands as a permanent memorial to those who died as a result of the accident.

The site of the colliery is now a nature reserve which is managed by the Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales.

Tondy transport workshop highlights key priorities

OGMORE AM Huw Irranca-Davies chaired a 'transport workshop' in Tondy looking at infrastructure and service improvements to rail and bus networks throughout the constituency; examining present and future transport links to secure growth in jobs and economic prosperity – as well as tackling 'inequality' and helping to promote tourism.

High on the list of current concerns raised with rail operators and Transport for Wales were: overcrowding of carriages in peak-time; provision for people with disabilities; poor connectivity with buses and park-and-ride; poor condition of older rolling stock, and the need for more frequent bus and rail services.

"Top priorities for the future highlighted at the forum included the need for the South Wales Metro to cover all of our valleys (including those with no rail service)," the Ogmre AM reported.

To make this happen would require rapid-

transit buses; universal ticketing and synchronised timetabling linking bus, rail, cycle and park-and-ride; exciting potential for a new 'Bridgend Transport Hub' to bring this together.

The closure of Pencoeed level crossing and real investment in the rail-bridge crossing is essential for economic development of Pencoeed.

The AM stated: "At this crucial time, when the future of rail and bus services in Wales is changing rapidly, we will make sure that the voice of Ogmre is heard loud and clear.

"We've already secured guarantees of a new Sunday service for the Llynfi line under the new rail service, and the Welsh Government commitment to examine ways to increase the frequency of services on this line.

"This Transport Forum highlighted some key priorities for the future, and we will be widening our discussions with transport users and non-users over the coming months."

Chris Elmore MP commented: "The UK

Government's decision to cancel south Wales electrification was deeply disappointing, as it damaged emerging proposals around a Pencoeed and elsewhere to boost jobs and economic growth.

"But working together with Welsh Government and local government, with transport operators and with local communities, we can help make exciting changes in our transport network which will link people to jobs across the valleys and into the wider south Wales Metro region."

BCBC Leader Coun Huw David added: "Bridgend railway station is already one of the busiest in Wales, and it needs to be transformed into a hub to serve all our towns and valleys, linking rail and bus and car and cycle with jobs and opportunities.

"There is a bright future for all our communities if we can make travel easier wherever you live, and better connect communities locally and across south Wales. We're all determined to make that happen."

Police issue appeal after men in van approach 11-year-old boy

SOUTH Wales Police launched an investigation, following a suspicious incident in which an 11-year-old boy was approached by two men in a van.

The incident took place in Trinity Street, Barry, on Monday, August 21, between 5pm and 9pm.

A police spokeswoman said: "An 11-year-old boy was approached by a white transit style van with two male occupants – driver and passenger.

"The passenger asked the boy to get into the van and said that they knew the boy's mum. The boy ignored them and walked back onto Gadlys Road West towards Alexander Park.

"The van reversed and followed the boy onto Gadlys Road West, but after the boy had walked into Alexander Park, the van drove off by turning back up towards Jenner

Road and then left onto Jenner Road and in the direction of Romilly School."

The police have issued two descriptions.

The driver is described as a white male, aged approximately 25 years old, with blond, scruffy hair, wearing a white top with 'NEW YORK CITY' across the front.

The passenger is described as mixed race, aged approximately 30 years old, with stubble on his face, wearing a black, flat-peak baseball cap and a black short-sleeve Armani top, and of thin build. He was smoking and had a local accent.

Police are appealing for anyone who may have seen the white van, or recognise either of the occupants from the descriptions, to contact South Wales Police on 101 quoting reference number: 1700326627.

Bridgend Quiz League posers

HERE ARE THIS WEEK'S TEASERS!

In computing, what device first appeared in 1981?

What is the name of the small helicopter in the James Bond film You Only Live Twice?

In which book is there a deity called Lord Frith?

The 2017/2018 season will commence on Monday, September 4, with the Muriel Williams quiz

registration event to be held at Tondy Railway Club starting at 8pm.

There will be a free-to-enter, open-to-all, general knowledge quiz, with a buffet provided. Why not come along and see what we are all about? There is no obligation to join the League. More info on bridgendquiz.com Steve Kingscott

Soroptimists go on a leisurely day out



From left: Kay Thomas, Mary Tornabene, Mary Straughn, Sandra Evans and Pam Price Thomas.

Red Tractor Week
Red Tractor Week 2017 (September 11 – 17) celebrates great food, great farming and quality food.

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WHAT'S ON AND WHERE IN YOUR AREA

Songs and Strings

ST Theodore's Church, Kenfig Hill is the venue for old friends Cŵr Merched Cwm Llynfi, which will perform in the church on Wednesday, September 27 at 7pm.

The ladies of the choir, under the baton of musical director Paul Deenik and accompanist Laura Deenik will perform a varied repertoire of songs from stage and screen, as well as a number of Welsh folk tunes.

The 'strings' are provided by the trio

Bridge Strings. The Bridgend-based ensemble, led by former school teacher Wesley Keir have an extensive repertoire; 'from Mozart or Miley Cyrus, Bach or the Beatles, Elgar or Ed Sheeran'; in fact something to please everyone.

Tickets £8, available from Theo's Charity Shop, Bridge Street, Kenfig Hill or by telephoning 01656 665547. Proceeds from the concert will go towards a new heating system for the church.

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MEMBERS of SI Barry & District and their friends opted for Westonbirt House and gardens for their August day out this year.

Thirty-six went on the trip organised with customary efficiency by Audrey Hirst. There was a stop at Tetbury for a quick shop and some new outfits!

After refreshments, the group arrived at their destination – where there was a fascinating tour of Westonbirt House, which was the home of the Holford family from 1665 until 1926, when it was sold to the Martyrs' Memorial Trust for £25,000 and became a girls' boarding school.

It remains as such today, with access to the public granted on certain days. The arboretum was given to the public in 1956.

Following a lovely afternoon tea, there was a leisurely walk in the sunshine around the garden trail, viewing the Italian gardens, the church, and recently restored camellia house. Soroptimist Pam Pryce Thomas gave a vote of thanks to Audrey and said that it had been a most enjoyable day.

To find out more about the club, visit www.sigbi.org/barry-and-csd.

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Weeping Window on display at the Senedd



Andrew RT Davies AM at the Weeping Window outside the Senedd.

RESIDENTS are being urged to take the opportunity to view the unique Weeping Window sculpture at the National Assembly for Wales in Cardiff Bay.

The sculpture – by artist Paul Cummins and designer Tom Piper – is made of thousands of ceramic poppies.

It originally formed part of the installation Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red that contained the 'field of poppies' displayed at the Tower of London in 2014. It is now on a UK-wide tour to enable

people across the country to reflect and remember those who gave their lives.

The display forms part of Wales' programme of events to mark the centenary of the First World War.

It coincides with the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Passchendaele, in which over a quarter of a million British servicemen gave their lives.

South Wales Central regional AM, Andrew RT Davies, said: "As we mark the centenary of the First World War, it is vital we never forget the sacrifice made by those who fought to secure the freedoms and values we

often take for granted.

"The Weeping Window is a poignant symbol that represents the scale of loss, and really brings home the fact that so many gave their lives.

"Just like the Field of Poppies at the Tower of London – it does a far better job demonstrating the sacrifice made than words alone can do.

"We are very fortunate to have it right here on our doorstep. It will be on display until September 24, so I'd urge Vale residents to take the opportunity to appreciate it for themselves between now and then."

Step up for Macmillan walk

YOU are invited to wear one of the familiar green t-shirts and show your support for Macmillan Cancer Support for the Llantrisant Walk.

Last year it was very successful and we want the 2017 event, planned for Sunday, September 10, to be even better, a spokesperson reports.

Leading the way will be Derek Brockway, 'Weatherman Walking', and walkers will follow an eight-mile route along footpaths that are wheelchair, pushchair, child and even dog friendly.

This year, when

you've picked up your 'goody bag' you'll leave The Llantrisant Leisure Centre at 11am and along the way there'll be entertainment to keep you on the move.

On your return to the leisure centre, you'll get your walk medal and we hope you'll join us for an after-walk party. There'll be a disco, some brilliant singers, bouncy castles (for the kids!) and of course party food.

It's not a race – it's an opportunity for a Sunday stroll with friends while raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. Some people will walk for someone special and get sponsorship money in

their name. Please join us and make that river of GREEN even longer!

The Llantrisant Walk is hosted by The Pontyclun and District Macmillan fundraising group and MPS Healthcare Ltd is the main sponsor for the 2017 event.

The registration fee is £10, which includes a t-shirt, a goody bag and a Macmillan Walk 2017 medal memento. Children under 12 are free.

To register on line visit the website

www.macmillan.org.uk/LlantrisantWalk or for more information check out www.macpontyclun.co.uk.

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Vale AM updates protest group on Biomass response

AS well as meeting with Natural Resources Wales (NRW) last week to secure a welcome extension on the Biomass Environmental Permit consultation, Jane Hutt AM raised her concerns with the Welsh Government Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs, Lesley Griffiths.

The Cabinet Secretary has responded to the Vale AM, saying: "I understand the opinions which exist about this development and the concerns you and your constituents have regarding the length of Natural Resources Wales' (NRW) consultation period.

"After meeting with Barry residents earlier this year, the First Minister wrote to the chair of NRW in April to ask if it was possible to extend the deadline for

representations on the application beyond the initial NRW deadline of May 8.

"This was so local people could have more time to express their views.

"I note further information in relation to the environmental permit application has been submitted and NRW is now consulting on this new information with a further extended deadline of September 10 set for receipt of representations from interested parties.

"Should other parties wish to make representations after this date, I would encourage them to contact NRW directly to advise when it can expect to receive comments (which should be as soon as possible)."

Ms Hutt has now updated the local protest group, DIAG, about this response.

Success indeed goes 'beyond the border'

BEYOND THE BORDER (BTB), the international festival of storytelling held every other year at St Donat's Castle, has been honoured at an international award ceremony - in Greece.

The award, 'for serving and contributing with distinction the institution of international storytelling festivals' was made last week at the Mount Pelion Storytelling Festival where BTB's artistic director David Ambrose was presented with the award by Athena Agyropoulou, head of the Pelion Oros Society.

Born in 1993 from the activities of St Donat's Arts Centre, BTB is now established, said a spokesperson, "...as a leading festival in Wales, seeking to create, encourage and promote traditional storytelling for contemporary audiences. The vision is to 'bring the world to Wales, and take Wales to the world'.

"During the 24 years of operation, the festival has grown, reached out across the world and become one of the most highly-regarded festivals of its kind in Europe.

BTB is held every two years, the next one in 2018 being a special 25-year anniversary celebration.

Mr Ambrose said: "We're delighted that BTB's work in the promotion of the art of storytelling has received this international recognition."

Princess Royal takes on new role with NCI

THE National Coastwatch Institution (NCI) has been informed by Buckingham Palace that HRH The Princess Royal is, said a spokesperson, "delighted" to give royal patronage to NCI.

There is a local NCI station at Nell's Point on Barry Island, and another in Porthcawl.

An NCI spokesman said: "This is tremendous news for the charity and a great recognition of the contributions and achievements that the NCI makes in ensuring safety around the UK

coastline.

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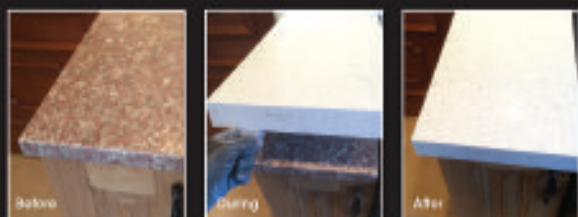
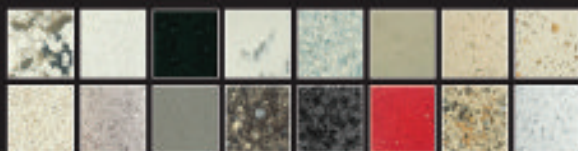
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Search is on for stowaway kitten Willow's owners



Willow on arrival at the centre.



Willow as she is today!
(Photos by Susan Dobbs).

THE driver of an artie lorry had a bit of a shock when he opened the doors of his vehicle at South Wales Wood Recycling, Coity, Bridgend to find an unexpected cargo in the form of a small stowaway kitten.

Fortunately, this is near to the Cats Protection Bridgend Adoption Centre, so not knowing what to do with the little kitten, the driver went there for help.

Sue Dobbs, centre manager said: "The kitten whom we called Willow was in very poor physical condition when she arrived at the centre. "She collapsed within a few minutes of coming into our care.

"We didn't expect her to survive the trip to the vets, but she is a little fighter and hung on in there.

"An X-ray showed no broken bones, but she was suffering from hypothermia and had sustained a head injury.

Willow is making a good recovery but has been left with some brain damage, we are not sure if it's permanent at this point.

"We are continuing to work with our vets to give her the best possible care, but are anxious to re unite her with her owners."

Jenna Hunt, cat carer, said: "Willow is a little sweetheart who has the loudest purr we have ever heard.

"She was very scared to begin with, but is settling down well. She is slowly regaining her balance and is getting better day by day."

South Wales Wood Recycling have confirmed that the lorry belonged to their company; they believe the kitten got on board in the Bristol area.

Willow is a black female kitten approximately 12 weeks old. Please contact Cats Protection Bridgend on 01656 724396 or email bridgend@cats.org.uk if you think Willow may be your kitten.

AM's update on Biomass

AS well as meeting with Natural Resources Wales (NRW) to secure a welcome extension on the Biomass Environmental Permit consultation, Jane Hutt AM also raised her concerns with the Welsh Government Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs, Lesley Griffiths AM.

The Cabinet Secretary

AM's surgery
VALE AM Jane Hutt will hold a surgery on September 2 from 10am - 11am at Barry Citizens' Advice Bureau, 119 Broad Street. No appointment necessary.

has responded to the Vale AM saying: "I understand the opinions which exist about this development and the concerns you and your constituents have regarding the length of NRW's consultation period.

"After meeting with Barry residents earlier this year, the First Minister wrote to the chair of NRW IN April to ask if it was possible to extend the deadline for representations on the application beyond the initial NRW deadline of May 8.

"This was so local people could have more time to express their views.

"I note further information in relation to the environmental permit application has been submitted and NRW is now consulting on this new information with a further extended deadline of September 10 set for receipt of representations from interested parties.

"Should other parties wish to make representations after this date, I would encourage them to contact NRW directly to advise when it can expect to receive comments (which should be as soon as possible.)"

Ms Hutt said she has updated the local action group DIAG on this response.

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Out & About with The GEM

Barry Arts Festival bags trio of opera singers

SOME of Wales' best opera singers will be at Barry's St Mary's Church, Holton Road on Saturday, September 9 as part of the Barry Arts Festival.

Three distinguished soloists – Jess Robinson, Emyr Wyn Jones and Jeff Howard – will be performing together in a programme that includes a repertoire of opera, musical theatre and classical pop.

Jess Robinson won first prize in the recent National Eisteddfod in Anglesey, in the soprano over-25 competition, having graduated from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama in 2015, while baritone Emyr Wyn Jones is a finalist in this year's Young Welsh Opera Singer of the Year.

They will be accompanied by Jeff Howard, who conducts the Treorchy Male Voice Choir and the Cambrensis Choir and was responsible for the musical arrangements for last year's Roald Dahl spectacular, the City of the Unexpected, as well as being a longstanding member of staff at the

Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama as a vocal coach.

Barry Arts Festival organiser, Dot Connell, known for her own work with local choirs, said it would be a fantastic musical event.

"It is a special occasion to have three performers of the quality of Jess, Emyr and Jeff on the same bill, so we are very pleased to have them accept our invitation to sing together as part of the Barry Arts Festival.

"The audience can expect a programme that ranges from musical showtunes to the Handel, from toe-tappers to classical songs.

"Come along and enjoy!"

Tickets for the event on September 9, beginning at 7:30pm, are £10 and available from Dot Connell on 07982 319456, dot.connell@virgin.net or www.ticketsource.co.uk/barry-arts-festival.

Barry Arts Festival would like to thank Barry Town Council and Newydd Housing Association for their generous sponsorship of this year's festival.

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Soderbergh's big screen return is not so Lucky in flat heist film...

IS retirement all it's cracked up to be? Not if you're Steven Soderbergh; having announced his retirement from directing after Behind The Candelabra, Soderbergh softened his stance by helming all the episodes of TV series The Knick, before announcing his return to the (cinematic) fray with Logan Lucky.

It stars Channing Tatum and Adam Driver as Jimmy and Clyde Logan, brothers who are renowned for their poor luck. When Jimmy is fired from his job, the pair turn to crime, specifically a heist at a NASCAR event.

Using the services of explosives expert Joe Bang (Daniel Craig), having broken him out of prison, the trio attempt to pull off the heist. However, their actions draw the attention of an FBI agent (Hilary Swank) who is determined to catch them...

Given his body of work and the cast assembled for his long-awaited return to the big screen, Steven Soderbergh's *Logan Lucky* should be firing on all cylinders, a film riffing on Soderbergh's blockbuster territory of

the *Oceans* films, while also carrying the quirkiness that has pervaded all his work.

Unfortunately, while *Logan Lucky* has its moments, it's a film too underdeveloped to impress, a shaggy dog story where the story just doesn't carry the requisite amount of charm to connect, and while Soderbergh gives the film a shot of energy, it's just not enough.

The film's background is probably more captivating than the film itself in many ways. The credited scriptwriter, Rebecca Blunt, doesn't actually exist, with rumours hinting that it could actually be Soderbergh himself, his wife, or several other people.

Whoever the real writer is, they should have done a better job than what has made it to screen.

What should be a straightforward heist flick is sidetracked with odd subplots involving NASCAR drivers and their sponsors (a bemused Sebastian Stan and a grating Seth McFarlane, getting to grips with an atrocious moustache and an even more atrocious hairpiece), the ramifications of the heist itself and a prison where the warden refuses to acknowledge even the smallest problem.

But what it doesn't do is provide our



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characters with any great level of motivation for what it is they're doing. Yes, they're down on their luck – the kind of characters films like these love to utilise, but we never get a sense of the greater picture or what they intend to do with their ill-gotten gains.

They're anti-heroes, but without a redeeming reason for us to root for them. Instead, the film just hopes that we find them amusing enough that we can connect with them.

It's not for lack of trying in the performances; Channing Tatum has become something of a Soderbergh muse and yet again, he delivers a solid turn as the family man trying to do the

right thing and turning to crime to achieve it. Adam Driver, as his brother, is equally solid, working on the heist at ground level while Tatum's character worries about the finer details.

The ace in the pack comes from Daniel Craig, as explosives expert Joe Bang; bleached blonde hair, southern accent, he's as far away from his usual screen persona as he's ever been, and while his turn may not have much depth, it does provide much of the entertainment.

Indeed, the heist portion of the film smacks of Soderbergh's effortlessly cool and clinical editing work, wonderfully constructed as he slowly and surely eases up the tension.

But the aftermath is a damp squib, spinning off somewhere less expected and a little baffling, attempting to throw a spanner into the lives of those involved, but failing to land.

Hilary Swank's

dogged FBI agent is essentially a cameo, and a lacklustre one at that.

It makes sense that Soderbergh would want to subvert his most commercially successful work and try not to raise the ghosts of the *Oceans* franchise; but *Logan Lucky* lacks that wow factor, feeling like a 2017 redux featuring 'simple-minded folk' rather than career criminals.

It could have been something truly special; instead, it's something truly underwhelming.

VERDICT: Reasonably entertaining before the final third becomes a damp squib, *Logan Lucky* is a flat return to the big screen for Steven Soderbergh. The cast are decent, the direction strong, but the story just doesn't cut the mustard and needed sharper writing to really click into gear.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Ocean's 11* (2001), *The Informant!* (2009).



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THIS year's Party in the Park on August 6 at Porthkerry was a resounding success, thanks to the dedication of planning and running of the event by Chris, Cath, Pat and Sarah as well as the rest of the committee involved.

Barry Beavers would like to thank all involved in the planning and running of the event, especially Cath Jones who produced all the props for the event with help from Ffion and Chris over the last couple of weeks, a spokesperson reports.

Also thank you to Emma, who came from Hampshire to help Cath with producing all the props, as well as being able to overlook all the acts who would be performing on the day.

Also along with Helen Lynch she would like to thank Fiona for standing in for her after a mishap, when scalding her hand with onions that were hot, and helping at the barbecue with Donna and Lynda along with Jake (Helen and Rob's nephew) who had cooked vegetarian food on the day.

Other guests were the Blaenau Gwent Otters



Swimming Club, Keith Beer, Homework Club, Penmark Scouts, Sunsound and Darren, who played the music on the day along with Louis Davies, Lynette Griffin from Asda, who donated food for the barbecue, Rhoeose Library volunteers, friends, family, parents, CJ Travel bus company, and Jane Hutt AM.

Also a big thank you to Porthkerry Country Parks Rangers, who helped make the event possible and helped set up and clear up after the event.

The event kicked off with the Red Arrows fly past over to Barry Island from Rhoeose, then the event itself started before



12.30pm.

Calum Savory was the first act to perform playing guitar and singing a rock ballad, along with Keira Dyne on piano.

The entertainment began with sketches by Chris and Sarah turning up in the Tardis to Bedrock (Porthkerry Park) in primitive costume, getting a close encounter from a T-Rex and a croc in the pond, which caused a lot of amusement.

Then Fred Flintstone

and Barney Rubble arrived, along with Dino, and they encountered the T-Rex.

There was a music act contest with five different groups (some successful and others not-so-successful acts). They were judged by a panel of judges including Keith, Pat, Sarah, Helen and others.

Unsurprisingly, the two younger acts were the winners as they had put in a lot of time to rehearse (funny girls and cheerleaders); while

Kiera Richards performed karaoke.

Later in the event, we had our very first Olympics, which started off with weight lifting, then tug-of-war and hammer throw.

Superman (Alfie) also participated in the games. The club would like to thank everyone who helped make this event possible and who attended making this year's PIP 2 a success.

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IT'S time once again for an army of volunteers to start planning coffee mornings in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

It seems a small thing, but this fundraising idea has been a massive success, with an amazing total of almost £30 million raised last year.

A spokeswoman for

Macmillan said: "The World's Biggest Coffee Morning is our biggest fundraising event for people facing cancer."

"We ask people all over the UK to host their own coffee mornings and donations on the day are made to Macmillan."

"Last year alone we raised £29.5 million and this year we are aiming to raise even more."

She continued: "The first ever coffee morning happened way back in 1990. It was a rather small affair with a simple idea: guests would gather over coffee and donate the cost of their cuppa to Macmillan in the process."

"It was so effective, we did it again the next year, only this time nationally. Since then, coffee morning has raised over £165.5 million for Macmillan."

Perhaps one reason that the 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' has become such a massive fundraising success is the support and encouragement given by Macmillan to its fundraisers.

The Macmillan website (see contact details at the end of this piece) is full of

sound advice and good ideas.

To pursue their target of topping last year's £29.5 million, Macmillan is excited to be continuing their successful partnership with Marks & Spencer.

The spokeswoman said: "Cake tastes better together... that's why 2017 is our eighth World's Biggest Coffee Morning in partnership with M&S and we're pulling out all the stops to make it even more successful."

"Since 2010, M&S and Macmillan have raised an incredible £10 million to help people living with cancer in their communities. And we couldn't have done it without the amazing support of M&S customers and colleagues."

"All money raised helps to fund Macmillan professionals, such as nurses, occupational therapists and dietitians. Because Macmillan is here to help people live life, no matter what."

"So, whether you're baking it or faking it this coffee morning, you'll be making a real difference. To help you, there's a fantastic range of coffee morning treats. And you can add some real

style to your coffee morning with M&S's gorgeous new cake slice, fork set and mug. Finally, don't miss the chic bag accessories designed by artist Rob Ryan for Macmillan."

"All these goodies will be available only in M&S stores this September. And with every purchase, M&S will make a donation to Macmillan so we can be there for more and more people with cancer."

Underlying all the efforts made by Macmillan's army of volunteers, of course, is *raison d'être* of the charity – making life more liveable for people dealing with cancer.

The Macmillan spokeswoman said: "There are now 2.5 million people in the UK living with cancer. By 2030, it will be four million people, and we want to be there for them all."

"One in three of us will get cancer, and it will be one of the toughest things we'll ever have to face. Our goal is to make sure no one faces cancer alone."

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Members of the congregation at Bethesda'r Fro Chapel, Llantwit Major, made coffee and cakes for Macmillan last year.



The ladies from Barry Soroptimists held a Macmillan coffee morning at the Barry Island beach huts last year – and invited Vale MP Alun Cairns.

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 The Macmillan spokeswoman continues: "We provide medical, emotional, practical and financial support, as well as campaigning for better cancer care. And because cancer affects

more than just those facing it, we're there for friends and family too. We are Macmillan.

Good advice and coffee morning ideas are available from [www.http://coffee.macmillan.org.uk](http://coffee.macmillan.org.uk)

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Mike says that expert hearing advice has transformed his life

SILENCE is far from golden for thousands of Welsh workers whose professional performance has dipped because their hearing isn't what it once was.

According to new research, seven in 10 workers aged 55 and over have noticed a deterioration in their hearing over the last ten years.

Commissioned by Starkey Hearing Technologies in collaboration with dispensing stockist Malmö Hearing, which has branches in Bridgend and Newport – and conducted by OnePoll – the survey of 800 working adults, age 55 and over, looked at the impact of hearing loss in the workplace.

To hide their deteriorating hearing from colleagues, almost half of respondents said they would avoid using the telephone and 15 per cent admitted to avoiding phone conversations altogether.

One in five try to get out of meetings and a similar number said they'd shun socialising with colleagues to keep their secret safe.

Almost half of respondents said they wouldn't wear a hearing aid because they believe them to not look good.

Over a quarter were put off by perceptions of looking old and 14 per cent believed they would look less able and professional.

Audiologist Kim



Mike Sully says that a state-of-the-art hearing system has transformed his life.

Spargo, from Malmö Hearing, said: "Over five million Brits – or one in six of the employed population – experience hearing loss at work. Statistics show the professional lives of almost half could be improved just by wearing hearing technology – but only one in five does."

One local man who knows the difference taking action can make is Mike Sully.

Mike said: "I have worked in the NHS for over 37 years in a variety of roles, mainly on the switchboard at the Princess of Wales."

"I am 58 this year and recently retired from the full-time switchboard role. I now provide part-time support on the same switchboard, but I could not have considered that without investing in better hearing technology."

"I have worn hearing aids for 15 years and

when I received a lump sum on retirement, I knew where I was going to spend some of the money. On a state of the art pair!

"When I look back, I know I have struggled with the hearing aids I had at work. Noisy situations were hopeless, having to ask people to repeat themselves all the time, and forever adjusting the hearing aids as I moved about."

"When I got the chance to review my hearing aids I went to a number of other audiologists before choosing to work with Kim Spargo, from Malmö Hearing in Bridgend."

"I spoke with her about concerns around wearing my current hearing aids, how they looked so big and cumbersome, really meant for people much older than me."

"I also explained that the head set I had to wear as a switchboard operator had never sat comfortably over the hearing aids and I got repeated feedback which gave me a lot of trouble with calls."

"Kim recommended a Starkey Muse i1600 CIC set of hearing devices and I honestly can't

believe the difference in sound quality and how much easier the switchboard job has become."

"I have got control over background noise so I can adjust the devices when I am in a noisy bar, for example, I can just tune it out with a remote in my pocket."

"I can control the weather, tuning out high winds – which used to whistle terribly and drive me mad. My friends now say I am so content in bad weather I live in a different weather system to them!"

"I was actually born with cataracts, so I had two implants fitted a few years ago which changed my life for the better, including suddenly being able to drive."

"I equate that feeling with what my new Muse hearing aids have done for me since February this year. I am pretty sure I probably would not have gone for the part-time switchboard role, but it's great to be still working and enjoying a new-found world of clarity which I can control."

"The whole Muse technology also helps me when I am working as a volunteer press officer at Tondur RFC. They play in Division One of the Welsh National Leagues and are a feeder club for the Ospreys."

"I have been doing match reports for press agencies for as long as I can remember. I work with my good friend, NHS colleague and photographer Gareth Anthony, who takes the shots to go with them."

"My interaction with those agencies is now as clear as a bell – and they have commented positively on it. I have renewed confidence and energy – it has taken years off me in terms of appetite for life – as I knew it would."

Sew Lovely sewing classes feature in Penarth open day



ON August 26, Sew Lovely, family business (and previous winner of Sew Magazine's Best Haberdashery in Wales) held an open day at their new workshop – the Sew Lovely Makery.

Sewists, beginners and skilled crafters alike, sampled the Sew Lovely experience at the business's spacious, vintage-inspired second home; alongside the haberdashery branch in Penarth town centre, the

Makery now hosts a huge range of classes on Tennyson Road.

The open day had a high turnout, with a bustling atmosphere and creativity abounding. Guests of all ages enjoyed chatting to tutors, who ran demos in free-motion embroidery, hand and machine sewing, crochet, and patchwork.

The on-site shop also proved popular, taking many bookings for upcoming autumn and Christmas classes.

More information on Sew Lovely at sewlovelypenarth.com

NEWS IN BRIEF

Tax advice for older people

A TOP income tax surgery will offer free professional advice to older people on restricted incomes, with income tax queries and/or problems.

This will take place at Roz Couzens' Chiropractic Surgery, Unit 4, Commercial House, Commercial Street, Llantwit Major (CF61 1RB) on Monday, September 4 from 10am until midday.

Home visits can be arranged via 0845 6013321 if necessary.

Advice at Age Connects

IF you are over 50 and affected by cancer, possibly looking for support, Age Connects Cardiff run a service:

'Cancer in The Older Person', an advocacy which can help with one-to-one support in many ways, including accompanying you to medical appointments, listening, help with form filling, assistance in what practical and financial help is available etc.

A session will be held on Tuesday, September 5 from 10am to 12pm at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road Barry.

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Runners flock to take part in the Llantwit Major 10K

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IT has only been going a few years, but the Llantwit Major August Bank Holiday 10K race has quickly established itself as a fixture on the running scene.

It is probably to do with the area, which sends the runners out into the beautiful local countryside, but it also owes a lot to the skills of the organisers!



The event organisers.



The day is in memory of the late David Synan - his parents Liz and Cliff are pictured here during the award ceremony.



ABOVE: A team from Brackla Harriers competed.



'Revive the Rhiw indoor market' says a regional AM



Peter and Tim Wood of Peter Wood & Sons, Butchers, with Suzy Davies AM and Coun Kay Rowland are pictured in the Rhiw Indoor Market.

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Mrs Davies is urging the council to be "more pro-active and more imaginative" in getting new tenants. She said she had asked the council what action was being taken to let these stalls and was told they are all on its website and some have marketing boards on them – although others do not.

The council was intending to instruct a local letting agent "in due course".

Mrs Davies said that the council seems to have no sense of urgency. She went on: "The council needs to pull its finger out and start actively promoting Bridgend market to get more tenants in."

"An exciting market is a draw. Town traders as a whole are explicit in their discontent with the council's approach to developing town centre retail, as we saw in the recent elections."

"I recently visited the market with Coun Kay Rowlands, who is regeneration spokesman for the Conservative group on the council."

"We were shocked at the number of empty stalls we saw. There are whole aisles where there are no let stalls."

"It's very disheartening for the other stallholders who are fighting hard to make a living. I have also asked how much subsidy the market receives from council taxpayers, as the cost of its own employees such as the market manager is not included in the expenditure listed."

"There will be less income in this current year because so many stalls are empty and this will result in a larger subsidy needed from taxpayers."

Coun Rowlands, who represents Brackla, said that she was shocked to see so many empty stalls.

She said: "Bridgend market has always been a busy, lively place with lots of hustle and bustle. But with fewer businesses to attract customers, it has lost a lot of that spark. There are some first class businesses in the market and the council owes it to them to put things right."

"The first thing we must do is be more innovative in the way that we let these stalls. People should be given trial tenancies with reduced rents so that they can try out a new business idea before committing themselves to a longer tenancy."

She said that requests from organisations to use the empty stalls to put on displays had been rejected.

"Why? Anything that draws people into the market will help the traders in there and shuttered stalls attract no-one. The council and its staff need a new mindset."

"It cannot be business as usual as too much has changed. Officers must start thinking laterally to turn the market into a catalyst for the regeneration of the whole town centre."

Mrs Davies said that

market traders are angry about the loss of the pedestrian link directly into the market from the old Rhiw car park, and at the decision to move the Shopmobility service from the Rhiw, which has been demolished, to the Brackla multi storey.

This had also resulted in a drop in trade. Mrs Davies added: "I welcome the new two-hour free parking scheme in the re-developed Rhiw car park. It's a start, but getting the market right will be key to ensuring that the town centre as a whole prospers and thrives."

A BCBC spokesman said: "A Market Partnership Strategy Group has been established, and the traders and council are working together to develop new and innovative ways of attracting new stalls and supporting fresh business."

"As regards some of the suggestions that have been made, many of these have already been set up, including the offering of trial tenancies with reduced rates, staging events within the market, and using stalls to promote things like free storytelling sessions, the summer reading challenge or Halloween and Easter festivities."

Beach rescue comes with a warning: RNLI lifeguard cover ends in September

A teenager struggling to keep his head above water in the sea off Ogmores beach was rescued by an RNLI lifeguard on Sunday (August 27).

Three boys had got into difficulties at about 5pm when they stepped off a sandbank about 40 metres out from the beach and suddenly found themselves out of their depth in deep water.

RNLI lifeguards heard the boys, who were between 50m and 100m to the right of the red and yellow flagged safe swimming area, calling for help.

An RNLI spokesman said: "Lifeguard Dave Allen had just returned to shore on a surf rescue board – after a routine safety inspection of a kayak – and immediately rushed to the struggling boys."

"All three boys were out of their depth, but it was clear the boy furthest away from the beach was in most difficulty. He was exhausted, panicking and by the time Dave reached him, his head was beginning to go under the water."

"Dave managed to get the casualty to hold onto the surf rescue board and then pulled him onto the board and paddled him back towards the shore. The boy was conscious but exhausted and unresponsive, and when he returned to the beach, was too tired to walk. Dave assisted him away from the waterline and treated him for shock."

"The RNLI lifeguard service on Ogmores beach was supported by volunteers from Penybont SLSC over the busy Bank Holiday weekend and club member Steve Parker had spotted the danger and came to assist."

"While Dave was treating the first boy on the beach, Steve swam out to the other two with a rescue tube. One of them had managed to get back onto the sandbank, so Steve swam to the other and brought him back to the shallower water of the sandbank, before returning them both to the beach."

"An ambulance had been called and during routine condition assessments on the beach, all three boys said they had swallowed water – so lifeguards recommended they go to hospital with paramedics."

Llantwit Major Coastguard Rescue Team members were also on the scene.

RNLI lifeguard supervisor Ross Gribble said: "This incident proves how unpredictable the sea can be. One minute the boys were happily playing in their depth, and the next they were panicking and struggling to stay afloat in deep water."

"The swift actions of our lifeguards and Penybont SLSC members ensured a good outcome for the three teenagers and we would also like to thank Penybont SLSC for their support throughout the summer."

The RNLI's seasonal lifeguard service at four Vale of Glamorgan beaches - Ogmores beach, Whitmore Bay on Barry Island, Llantwit Major beach and Southerndown – as well as Coney beach and Pink Bay in Porthcawl, will end on Sunday (September 3).

RNLI lifeguards will continue to patrol daily at Trecco Bay and on weekends at Rest Bay, between 10am and 6pm throughout September.

Ross went on: "I would like to thank all the lifeguards who once again provided a first class safety service on

the beaches this summer. They have shown commitment and dedication to both their ongoing training and their work on the beaches."

"After Sunday, there will be no red and yellow flags flying at the majority of the beaches in the area, which means there's no lifeguard service operating," he warned.

"People visiting the beaches after this, can help keep themselves safe by taking note of the safety signage at the entrance to the beach, going with a friend, or telling someone on the shore where they are going – and always being aware of the conditions and their own capabilities in the water."

"Autumn sees big spring tides and bigger swells around the coast. People walking on the coast should always check the tide times before setting out, and carry a means of communication."

"The bigger swells mean more unpredictable rip currents in the water, which are strong currents of water running out to sea that can quickly drag you out beyond your depth."

"If you get caught in a rip, don't panic, and don't try to swim against it or you'll get exhausted. If you can stand, wade, don't swim."

"If you're out of your depth and getting tired, try to relax and float for a short time to regain control of your breathing. Then, if you can, swim parallel to the shore until free of the rip and then head for shore, raise your hand and shout for help."

"The RNLI's advice is not to enter the water if you see someone in trouble, but rather to call 999 and ask for the coastguard," Ross added.

Brynteg celebrate GCSE results

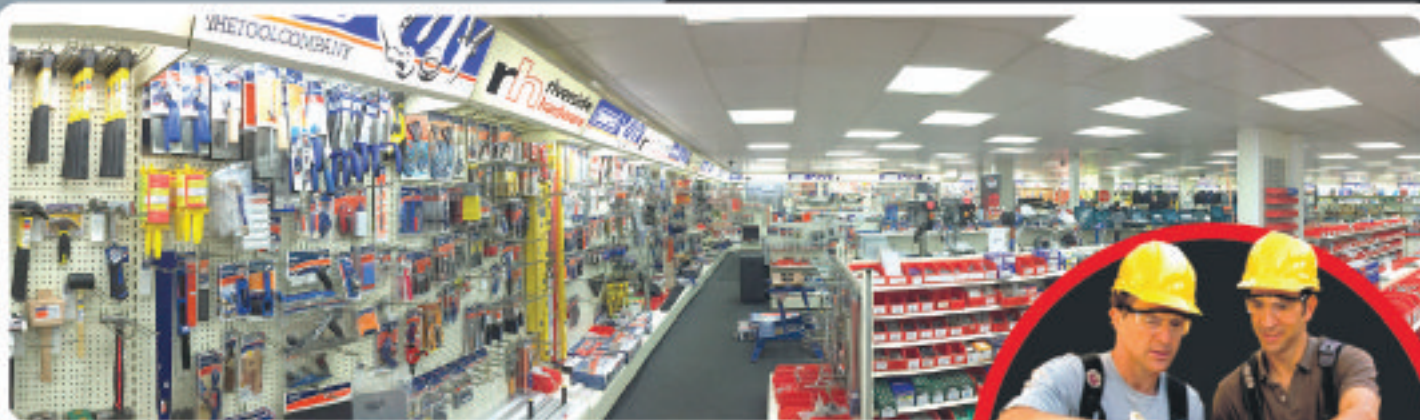
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Class 77: Heavyweight Hunter, Mare Or Gelding, Four Years Old Or Over, Capable Of Carrying 14 Stone And Over: 1st Emma Gibson, Stable Cottage (Action T, Emma Gibson); 2nd Mr Matt McGivern, Odyn Foel Farm (Racino Casino, Matt McGivern).

Championship and 2H The Classic Windows Perpetual Challenge Trophy: Emma Gibson, Stable Cottage (State Of Play II, Emma Gibson); reserve Sue Hookham, The Cottage (Revenge, Matt Ainsworth).

Class 78: Open Local Hunter, four years old and over (need not be registered with the Society) to be confined to horses resident within a 20 mile radius of the Showground: 1st Mr John Llewellyn, Newlands Farm (Hugo, Miss Lucy Llewellyn); 2nd Stephanie Llewellyn, Old Beaupre Farm, St Mary Church, Cowbridge, (Laharden Ben, Mrs Stephanie Llewellyn); 3rd Serena James, 4 Parkview Cottages (Bluebell View, Serena James).

The Dan Radcliffe Perpetual Challenge Cup (Winner of class 78): Mr John Llewellyn Newlands Farm (Hugo, Miss Lucy Llewellyn).

Class 79 – Open Working Hunter, four years old and over exceeding 148cms. Mare or gelding: 1st Sarah Robson (Dartens in Clover, Mrs Amy Tough); 2nd Charles Morgan, Blaencwm, Llandyfaelog, Carmar (Cruising On, Charles Morgan); 3rd Sarah Sargeant, 2 Broadlands, Sutton Road, Llandow, Cowbridge (By Design, Miss Sarah Sargeant).

The Bridgend Glazing & Silvering Co. Ltd Perpetual Challenge Trophy (Winner of class 79): Sarah Robson (Dartens in Clover, Mrs Amy Tough).

Class 80 – Novice Local Working Hunter four years old and over (need not be registered with the Society) to be confined to horses resident within a 20 miles radius of the Showground. Horse must not have won 1st or 2nd place in a county show: 1st Rhianon Thomas, Flemingston Court, Flemingston (Charlestown Backchat, Mrs Rhianon Thomas); 2nd Sarah Sargeant, Llandow (By Design, Miss Sarah Sargeant); 3rd Nicola McNabb, as rider (Shake It Out, Miss Nicola McNabb).

Class 81 – RoR Tattersalls Show Series Qualifier: 1st Mr Matt McGivern, Odyn Foel Farm (Eight Palms, Matt McGivern); 2nd MRS MARYANNE THOMAS, NEWTON CROFT, NEWTON (TOSTAKY, ALICIA THOMAS); 3rd MARGARET JOHNS, PENCNWL FARM, CASTLEMMORRIS (BILLYBO, CLAIRE GRIFFITHS).

The Louise Birkett Commemorative Perpetual Challenge Cup (Winner of class 81): MR MATT MCGIVERN, ODYN FOEL FARM, (EIGHT PALMS, MATT MCGIVERN.)

Class 82 – RoR TBA Challenge Show Series Qualifier: 1st JO LLEWELLYN, 28 GREENWOOD CLOSE, COYCHURCH (VICTOR MERLYN, JO LLEWELLYN; 2nd Owner Rider (Freddie Lane, Miss Bethany Jarvis); 3rd Mrs SH Hamer, Cwr y Waun, Llangadog, Carmar, (No Time To Chat, Miss Helena Hamer).

The Late Thomas Jenkins Perpetual Challenge Cup (Winner of class 82): JO LLEWELLYN, COYCHURCH (VICTOR MERLYN, JO LLEWELLYN).

Class 83 – Ladies' Side Saddle: 1st MRS PA YEOMAN, RHOSWEN, COITY (BONDEIGH SEREN FACH, SUSAN DAVIES; 2nd GEMMA ROBERTS, PWLL Y FELIN FARM, GLYNOGWR (TOUCH DIAMOND, MISS GEMMA ROBERTS); 3rd Sue Williams, Hendrew Farm (Because Your Worth It, Miss Amy Williams).

The Great House Perpetual Challenge Vase (Winner of class 83): MRS PA YEOMAN, RHOSWEN (BONDEIGH SEREN FACH).

Class 84 – Open Riding Horse: 1st SUE HOOKHAM, THE COTTAGE, WHITEWALL STABLES, MAGOR (REVELATION, MATT AINSWORTH); 2nd PJ BERTORELLI, PENCOED FARM, BRYNCETHIN (CHAKRAVARTI, VICTORIA BERTORELLI); 3rd VICTORIA PIPER, LOUGHER MOOR, LLANTWIT MAJOR (PRIMITIVE SHADOW, VICTORIA PIPER).

The John & Sarah Cory Perpetual Challenge Cup (Winner of class 84): SUE HOOKHAM, THE COTTAGE (REVELATION, MATT AINSWORTH).

Class 85 – Open Cob, including Maxi Cobs, Mare or Gelding, four years old and over, exceeding 148cms and not exceeding 155cms to be ridden. Rider any age: 1st SIMON JONES, CWMUDU GANOL FARM, GARTH (HIGHBURY PHOENIX, SIMON JONES); 2nd Emma Edwards, Nant Mwth Farm, (Al Capone The Second, Mrs Emma Edwards); 3rd Wayne Isaac and Emma Edwards, Nant Mwth Farm, (Corona, Mrs Emma Edwards).

The Mr & Mrs Christopher Cory Perpetual Challenge Trophy (Winner of class 85): SIMON JONES, CWMUDU GANOL FARM, GARTH (HIGHBURY PHOENIX, SIMON JONES).

Class 86 – Working Show Horse. Open to hacks, cobs, maxi cobs and riding horses (mare or gelding) 4 years old and over exceeding 148cms: 1st JO LLEWELLYN, COYCHURCH (VICTOR MERLYN, JO LLEWELLYN); 2nd Nicola McNabb, as rider (Shake It Out, Miss Nicola McNabb); 3rd PJ BERTORELLI, PENCOED FARM (CHAKRAVARTI, VICTORIA BERTORELLI).

Class 87 – The BSPS Mixed Height Novice Working Hunter Ponies/Intermediate WH: 1st Mrs Marion Holder (Brillview Quelle Surprise, Miss Grace Gardner).

The Snaffles Perpetual Challenge Cup (winner of class 87): Mrs Marion Holder (Brillview Quelle Surprise, Miss Grace Gardner).

Class 88 – The BSPS Mixed Height Open Working Hunter Ponies/Intermediate WH: MRS PAT FAULKENER, BRIDGE FARM, CRUCORNEY (KILMORE PRINCE CHARMING, BONNIE PROBERT PRICE).

The Glamorgan GEM Perpetual Challenge Trophy (winner of class 88): MRS PAT FAULKENER, BRIDGE FARM (KILMORE PRINCE CHARMING, BONNIE PROBERT PRICE).

Working Hunter Pony Championship: MRS PAT FAULKENER, BRIDGE FARM (KILMORE PRINCE CHARMING, BONNIE PROBERT PRICE); Reserve Mrs Marion Holder (Brillview Quelle Surprise, Miss Grace Gardner).

Class 89 – BSPS Heritage Mountain & Moorland Open Lead Rein mare or gelding, 4 years old and over: 1st SE BIGLEY, C/O REDLAN FARM, BONVILSTON (WAIT WITH WILD APRICOT); 2nd MR WH WALTERS, TIRMYNYDD, BIRCHGROVE, Swansea (ZONNEWEIDE DIAMOND JUBILEE); 3rd MRS PAT FAULKENER, BRIDGE FARM (CEFNORWEDD SION).

Class 90 – BSPS Heritage Mountain & Moorland First Ridden Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 128cm: 1st MRS PAT FAULKENER, BRIDGE FARM (HOPE GHOSTS LITTLE BOY, BONNIE PROBERT PRICE); 2nd MRS KEELEY HEWITT (FLO, MISS ALEXANDRA FENNER); 3rd SERENA JAMES, 4 PARKVIEW COTTAGES (WITRO CASHMERE, CLAIRE BROWN).

Mountain & Moorland Champion

15H MT Morgan Cup To The Winner of the Championship SE BIGLEY, C/O REDLAN FARM, BONVILSTON (WAIT WITH WILD APRICOT); Reserve MRS PAT FAULKENER, BRIDGE FARM (HOPE GHOSTS LITTLE BOY, BONNIE PROBERT PRICE).

Class 91 – BSPS Heritage Mountain & Moorland Open Ridden Class. Registered pure bred Welsh Section A & B ponies 4 years old or over. Riders any age: 1st SERENA JAMES, 4 PARKVIEW COTTAGES (WITRO CASHMERE, CLAIRE BROWN); 2nd MRS PAT FAULKENER, BRIDGE FARM (HOPE GHOSTS LITTLE BOY, BONNIE PROBERT PRICE); 3rd MRS KEELEY HEWITT, (LITTLE MISS MUFFETT, SERENA JAMES).

Class 92 – BSPS Heritage Mountain & Moorland Open Ridden Class. Registered pure bred Welsh Section C & D ponies 4 years old or over. Riders any age: 1st JC DAVIES, DEWICWRT STUD, LLANDEWI COURT, ABERGAVENNY (HAFODYRYNYS BRAVEHEART, JACKIE DAVIES); 2nd MISS I LLOYD THOMAS, RHYDSARN CAPEL SEION, ABERYSTWYTH (TYRLLAWN MASTER CLASS, IOLA LLOYD HUGHES); 3rd Sadie Robertson, 9 Coldbrook Road West, Barry, (Parc Twm Shanco, Miss Shannon Close).

Mountain & Moorland Champion

16h Mrs GR Lewis Challenge Cup for the Winner of the Championship: JC DAVIES, DEWICWRT STUD (HAFODYRYNYS BRAVEHEART, JACKIE DAVIES).

Mountain & Moorland Champion

17h J Pendock Porter Challenge Cup to the Winner of the Championship.

Class 93 – Open Youngstock Qualifier. 1, 2 or 3 years old. No foals: 1st DENISE DAVID, 22 CRAWSHAY PARK, LLANTWIT MAJOR (HOPGARDEN RONALDO); 2nd RACHEL MORGANS, 17 CADWGAN rd, CRAIG CEFN PARC, CLYDACH (HOLLYLAND ACE OF HEARTS, RACHEL MORGANS).

18h Summerhaze Perpetual Challenge Cup

Class 94 – Open In-hand Qualifier. Any height, age or type. No foals: 1st Claire Deren, West View, (Ruby's lass, Miss Leila Deren); 2nd NAOMI CLATWORTHY, 25 GLYN LLAN, BLACKMILL (NOBBY, ELLA CLATWORTHY); 3rd MRS R ROYLE, SUMMIT VIEW, PENYLAN (CASTELLFRYN MALACHITE).

Class 95 – Open Ridden Qualifier. Any type, and height: 1st WH WILLIAMS & SON, DOLAU IFAN DDU FARM, BLACKMILL (ABBEYLANDS PICASSO, TRACEY BERTORELLI); 2nd S Trusler (Rostor Jaegermeister, Mrs Amy Tough); 3rd ROBERT LUKE, SELVEDGE FARM, CLARBETSON rd, HAVERFORDWEST (MISSISSIPPI MUD PIE, ROBERT LUKE).

Coloured Championship

20h M & S Cuddy Perpetual Challenge Trophy: WH WILLIAMS & SON, DOLAU IFAN DDU FARM (ABBEYLANDS PICASSO, TRACEY BERTORELLI).

Class 96 – Welsh Mountain Pony Yearling: 1st Mrs CA Owen (Crumpwell Blue Opal 174998, Mrs Catherine Owen); 2nd K & J SHEIL, TY ISAF, LLANGYNOG (DUKESHILL PHOEBE); 3rd DR WYNNE AND DAVID DAVIES (CEULAN CAZIB).

Class 97 – Welsh Mountain Pony, 2 or 3 years old: 1st Catherine Owen (Crumpwell Blue Ruby), Mrs Catherine Owen; 2nd MARTYN DAVID, CHASE FARM, FRAMPTON (BRIOLEN CINDY); 3rd DAVID HUW FRANCIS, CEFN GORWYDD FARM, GOWERTON (CEFN GORWEDD MAGGIE MAY).

Class 98 – Novice Welsh Mountain Pony Brood Mare 4 years old or over that has never won a First Prize in a Brood Mare Class: 1st DAVID HUW FRANCIS, CEFN GORWYDD FARM (CWMMEUDWY LODES); 2nd MR & MRS DONATI, MILWAS HOUSE, GROES FAEN (PENLLYN CAMEO).

Class 99 – Welsh Mountain Pony, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old or over: 1st K & J SHEIL, TY ISAF, LLANGYNOG (DUKESHILL PIQUANTE); 2nd WK HUGHES, BRYN ODYN, 2 DUNVANT rd, THREE CROSSES (BRYN ODYN SUSANNAH); 3rd Arwel Edwards 10 Brynceuant Brynamman Ammanford Carmarthenshire SA18 1AH (Hope holly, Mr Arwel Edwards).

Class 100 – Welsh Mountain Pony Foal: 1st S ROBERTS, CARTREF, PENCOEDCAE (Ffordd DDU GIOVANI); 2nd MR & MRS DONATI, MILWAS HOUSE (MILWAS CALON HAF).

Class 101 – Welsh Mountain Pony Stallion, 4 years old or over: 1st DR WYNNE AND DAVID DAVIES (YSSELVLIEDTS IRRESISTIBLE); 2nd Catherine Owen (Brynnodyn Bedwyr 68833, Mrs Catherine Owen); 3rd MRS S SMITH, TY ARY GRAIG, BETTWS (CAEBANDI DEWI SANT, MORGAN SMITH).

Welsh Mountain Ponies Championship in Section A

The Penllyn Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Best animal in Section 'A': K & J SHEIL, TY ISAF, LLANGYNOG (DUKESHILL PIQUANTE); Reserve DR WYNNE AND DAVID DAVIES (YSSELVLIEDTS IRRESISTIBLE).

The Brynheulog Perpetual Challenge Cup for the best Welsh Mountain Pony Mare: K & J SHEIL, TY ISAF, LLANGYNOG (DUKESHILL PIQUANTE); Reserve DAVID HUW FRANCIS, CEFN GORWYDD FARM (CWMMEUDWY LODES).

The Lyndon Evans Memorial Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the best Welsh Mountain Pony 3 years old or over: Catherine Owen

(Crumpwell Blue Ruby, Mrs Catherine Owen); Reserve DR WYNNE AND DAVID DAVIES (CEULAN CAZIB).

Class 102 – Welsh Pony Yearling: 1st SERENA JAMES, 4 PARKVIEW COTTAGES (GIGMAN JERABOAM, SERENA JAMES); 2nd SUE EASTON, 5 CURWEN TERRACE, TONMAWR rd, PONTRHYDYFEN (GIGMAN SOPHIA); 3rd MR WH WALTERS, TIRMYNYDD, BIRCHGROVE, SWANSEA (LINKSBURY MYSTERIOUS GIRL) – 675 SUE EASTON, PONTRHYDYFEN (GIGMAN ON THE RAZZ).

Class 103 – Welsh Pony, 2 or 3 years old: 1st D & M Townsend, Coed-y-Gwaelod Farmhouse, Croesyceliog, Cwmbran, NP44 2BY (Gigman Queen of Jazz, Miss Michelle Townsend); 2nd MRS JUNE MARSH, 66 WOODLANDS rd, BEDDAU (JULA GOLDEN LIGHT); 3rd LAURA EVANS, SMOKEYCOTT STUD, NORTH CORNELLY (GIGMAN LOIS LANE).

Class 104 – Welsh Pony, Mare or Gelding 4 years old or over: 1st MISS F LEADBITTER, BWLCH GWYN FARM, YSTRADOWEN (CWRT Y CADNO CYFRINACH); 2nd Mrs Gail Butler, Bryn Glas, Maendy (Penway Perl); 3rd MR DR MORGAN & MISS HJ MORGAN, CAE ELLYN FARM, ABERDARE (ROSEDALE BLACK GOLD, HANNAH MORGAN).

Class 105 – Welsh Pony Foal: 1st MISS F LEADBITTER, BWLCH GWYN FARM (THORNBERRY MAY TIME); 2nd MISS F LEADBITTER, BWLCH GWYN FARM (THORNBERRY LET'S DANCE).

Class 106 – Welsh Pony Stallion, 4 years old or over: No entries.

Welsh Ponies Championship in Section B

The Thornberry Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the Best animal in Section 'B': MISS F LEADBITTER, BWLCH GWYN FARM (CWRT Y CADNO CYFRINACH); Reserve SERENA JAMES, 4 PARKVIEW COTTAGES (GIGMAN JERABOAM, SERENA JAMES).

Class 107 – Mare or gelding, 4 years old or over: 1st MR RODGER DAVIES, HYWI STUD, EBBW VALE (HYWI POLLYANNA); 2nd D GROOM C/O JUSTIN KARL WALTERS, TREDEGAR (BLAENCILA RHIANNA).

Class 108 – Foal: 1st D GROOM C/O JUSTIN KARL WALTERS, TREDEGAR (DORNEY ROW MARY JANE).

Class 109 – Yearling: 1st G MOFFATT C/O JUSTIN KARL WALTERS, TREDEGAR (PWLLMELIN ISABELLA); 2nd Glyn Anderson 50 James Court, St Mellons, Cardiff, CF3 0FA (Tyntyla Pom Pom, Mr Glyn Anderson).

Class 110 – Welsh Pony of Cob Type, 2 or 3 years old: 1st MR RODGER DAVIES, HYWI STUD, EBBW VALE (HYWI MOON LADY); 2nd Arwel Edwards, 10 Brynceuant Brynamman Ammanford Carmarthenshire (Dycoth the news maker, Mr Arwel Edwards).

Class 111 – Welsh Pony of Cob Type, 2 or 3 years old: NO ENTRIES.

Welsh Ponies Championship in Section C

The Louis Fisher Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the Best animal in Section 'C': MR RODGER DAVIES CARREG BICA FARM, HILLTO, EBBW VALE, and Reserve.

Class 112 – Welsh Cob Yearling: 1st O & R J Bentley Bedw Gwynion Caio (Nantwood Brallan, Mr Owen Bentley); 2nd Mr & Mrs A Booth (Rainhill Megan, Mr Anthony Booth); 3rd MRS CLAIRE DAVIES, TIR Y GELLI FARM, YNYSYBWL (TIRYGELLI GLITX N GLAMOUR, RUTH COOMBS).

Class 113 – Welsh Cob, 2 or 3 years old: 1st MEIRION, DIANE & CALEB EVANS, GWYNFAES, CYNWLL ELFED (GWYNFAES CYLEDON); 2nd M RECORD C/O JUSTIN KARL WALTERS, TREDEGAR (PENNALL TYWYSOG).

Class 114 – Welsh Cob, Mare or Gelding 4 years old or over: 1st Mr Anthony Booth, Bedw-Gwynion, Caio, Llanwrda (Nantwood Rowan, Mr Anthony Booth); 2nd CHRIS BEST, 7 CWLWM CARIAD, BARRY (CLWYDIEWYN RUBY, CHRIS BEST); 3rd REBECCA WILLIAMS, 18 PENYARD rd, LONGFORD (GLANTRAETH JULIE'S TREASURE).

Class 115 – Welsh Cob Foal: 1st CHRIS BEST, 7 CWLWM CARIAD (CLWYDIEWYN PRINCESS LEIA, CHRIS BEST).

Class 116 – Welsh Cob Stallion, 4 years old or over: 1st MR R WALTERS (ALLTWALLIS IAGO).

Welsh Ponies Championship in Section D: MEIRION, DIANE & CALEB EVANS, GWYNFAES (GWYNFAES CYLEDON); Reserve Mr Anthony Booth, Bedw-Gwynion, Caio, Llanwrda (WEDIG Nantwood Rowan, Mr Anthony Booth).

Welsh Ponies Championship in Section A, B, C & D

The Mrs Homfray Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Best animal in Section A, B, C & D: MR RODGER DAVIES CARREG BICA FARM; Reserve K & J SHEIL, TY ISAF, LLANGYNOG (DUKESHILL PIQUANTE WEDIG CYMRU).

Class 117 – Brood Mare 4 years old and over, exceeding 34".

Class 118 – Colt or Filly Foal SR575 Shetland Pony Stud Book Society rosette for the Best Foal.

Class 119 – Barren Mare or Gelding 4 years old and over, exceeding 34": 1st MS J BYRNE, 1 DAFYDD PLACE, CADOXTON (KENVIG LOLA); 2nd NICOLA BROWN, 9 DOVEDALE ST, BARRY (ILLTYD LADY MODEL, NICOLA BROWN).

Class 120 – Yearling, Colt, Filly or Gelding to exceed 34" at maturity SR579 Shetland Pony Stud Book Society rosette for the Best Gelding.

Class 121 – Two or Three Year Old Colt, Filly or Gelding to exceed 34" at maturity SR579 Shetland Pony Stud Book Society rosette for the Best Gelding.

Class 122 – Stallion 4 years old and over exceeding 34": 1st Mrs M Newton, Lower Coed Morgan, Llanddewi Rhyderch, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire NP7 9UG (Sharptor Diego, Miss karen warren).

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Class 123 – Ridden Class, 4 years old and over, on or off lead rein. Rider any age SR582 The Shetland Pony Stud Book Society rosettes for the Best Open Ridden and Best Lead Rein. Shetland – Mini & Standards : MRS NEWTON; Reserve A PHILP.

Class 124 – Brood/Barren Mare or Gelding 4 years old and over, not exceeding 34". 1st ELAINE SMITH, SHALAINA STUDD, L L A N M A E S (SHALAINA ROSE COLOURED); 2nd Mr & Mrs P Jones (Timberland Fairy Glamour Girl, Mrs Yvette Jones); 3rd MRS R ROYLE, SUMMIT VIEW, PENYLAN, C O W B R I D G E (C A S T E L L F R Y N MALACHITE).

Class 125 – Colt or Filly Foal SR593 Shetland Pony Stud Book Society rosette for the Best Foal Class 594 Yearling Colt, Filly or Gelding not to exceed 34" at maturity: 1st Mr & Mrs P Jones (Kerswell Malibu, Mrs Yvette Jones); 2nd Mr & Mrs P Jones (Kerswell Louanna, Mrs Yvette Jones).

Class 126 – Two or Three Year Colt or Filly not to exceeding 34" at maturity. SR596 Shetland Pony Stud Book Society Rosette for the Best Gelding: 1st MRS JULIE N I C H O L A S (B I R C H W O O D PANDA); 2nd ELAINE SMITH, SHALAINA STUDD (HASGUARD POPPY); 3rd MRS JULIE NICHOLAS (KENVIG LOTTIE).

Class 127 – Stallion 4 years old and over, not exceeding 34". 1st Mrs M Newton (Cheslyn

Quartz, Miss karen warren); 2nd KELLY WESTALL, 36 GREENMEADOW, CEFN CRIBBWR (SPREYTOU RAMBO). Supreme Shetland Championship award, 29h The Morfa Girls Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the Supreme Shetland Championship award: Mrs. Elaine Smith; Reserve Mrs Newton.

List of prizewinners for Home Produce, Floral, Crafts and Children's Competitions Section 1 – Preserves Jar Marmalade – V. R. Morgan Jar Strawberry Jam – Mrs. J. Morris Lemon Curd – Carol James Jar Raspberry Jam – Carol James Jar Blackcurrant Jam – Carol James Jar of Windfall Chutney – V. R. Morgan Jar of Kidney Bean Chutney – Mrs. J. Morris

Section 2 – Cookery Mediterranean Loaf of Bread – Mrs. J. Morris 5 Cheese Scones – Mrs. J. Morris A Scone Base Pizza – 5 Shortbread Fingers – Helen Rule 5 Buffet Corned Beef Pasties – Mrs. Pamela Lewis Boiled Fruit Cake – Barry Franks 5 Slices of Teisen Lap – Barry Franks Chocolate Sponge – Charlotte Thomas 5 Welsh Cakes – Rose Jones 5 Shrewsbury Biscuits – Tim Dawe Cottage Cheese and Walnut Tea Bread – Christine Dibble Apple Tart – Janet Goldsworthy A Decorated Birthday Cake – Helen Rule 5 Decorated Cup

Section 3 – Flower Arrangements An Arrangement All Foliage – Mary Grey A Table Centre suitable for Queen's Birthday Party – Mary Grey Small is Beautiful – Mary Grey An exhibit representing The Queen's 90th Birthday – Betty Thomas An exhibit depicting The Olympic Games – Mary Grey

Section 4 – Craft A Door Stop – Colleen Atyeo Bunting – Colleen Atyeo A Celebration Card – K. M. Turner A Tea Cosy – Mrs. Satherley A Household Item made from recycled material – Colleen Atyeo An Item of Fashion Jewellery – Pamela Lewis A Baby's Bonnet (to be donated to a local premature baby unit) – Cathy Richards A Table Lamp Base – A Hat (any medium) – Tricia McLean

Section 5 – Art Watercolour – Mrs. B. Dwek Oil/Acrylic – Mrs. R. Donnelly Drawing – Mrs. R. Donnelly Pastels – Lucy Keen Photograph "Happy Holidays" in colour – S. Oliver Photograph "The Climate of Wales" in black and white – Jemima Jones

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Age 8 – 11 years A Vase of Paper Flowers – Thomas Payne 5 Queen of Hearts (5 jam tarts) – Michael Richards A Crown made from Recycled Material – Mae Thomas

Age 12 – 16 years Tie Dye (large handkerchief) – Hannah Robins 5 Slices of Millionaire Shortbread – Grace Thomas A Scarecrow (max height 1m) – Grace Thomas

Chairman's Cup Competition – Ann Hooper

Cakes – Helen Rule A Bakewell Tart – Julia Preece 5 Rock Cakes (Men Only) – Richard Ground

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Double 'hole-in-one' at Wenvoe Castle Golf Club



WENVOE Castle Golf Club recently held their Ladies Open and attracted a high entry from golf clubs throughout the region.

Thankfully, the traditional August damp conditions had disappeared and the competition was played in almost ideal weather, with lots of sun and little wind.

The course conditions were very impressive and players complimented the green keeping staff on the general presentation and in particular the high quality of the greens.

The prize for the top score by a visiting team was presented to Karen Parry, Chris Watkins and Marita Williams from Neath Golf Club who won with an impressive 80 points.

Runners-up with 74 points were Brenda Tomczyk (Radry), Cheryl Bird (Pyle and Kenfig) and Cheryl Henderson.

The top score for home players was recorded by Barbara Beedham, Tina Church and Heather Thompson with 71 points.

They won on countback ahead of Lynda Campbell, Sandra Hathway and Mags Lewis.

The special prize for nearest the pin on the second hole went to Penny Cope (Tenby Golf Club) whose ball finished just 8ft 5ins from the hole.

If the prize had been awarded for nearest the pin on the 15th hole there is no doubt it would have gone to Marita Williams of Neath Golf Club, who achieved a remarkable 'hole in one' striking the ball into the hole from 156 yards.

On Saturday, it was a good day for Tim Hanson, who comfortably won the Dai David Putter Trophy with an excellent gross 72 (net 67).

Tim was three strokes ahead of the runner-up, Anthony David, with a net 70 just holding off Dean Rowlands on countback.

On the same day, the ladies had recovered from their efforts in the ladies open to contest the Golf Union of Wales/Wolf Dragon Brooch.

Barbara Beedham played well to post the best net score of 70, ahead of runner up Sandra Hathway with a net 74.

On Sunday, Nic Caulfield posted an impressive 42 points in the Stableford competition ahead of

Nick James with 37 points and the consistent Tim Hanson with 36 points.

The busy programme was completed on August bank holiday Monday, with the popular Bowen Greenwood Mixed Competition.

The winners - Jane Lott and Phil Yee - won with an exceptional score of a net 62.5 points, well ahead of the field and runners-up Martin and Mags Lewis with 71.5 points.

Lightning did strike twice when Jane became the second player in four days to record a hole-in-one on the 15th hole.

This remarkable feat is calculated at odds of over 12,000 to 1 on each occasion, so both ladies are to be congratulated on their special achievement, which was no doubt celebrated in the usual fashion at the 19th hole.

The club captain, Kota Dayananda, thanked all the competitors for supporting the various competitions and, in particular, the club members and staff for contributing to such a busy and successful weekend.

BJ

What's on in your area

Coffee, crafts and flowers in Bonvilston
THERE will be two events in Bonvilston on the weekend of September 9 and 10.

There will be Craft, Coffee and Cake at the Reading Room on Saturday, September 9 with over 13 stalls, from 10am until 4pm. Admission is free.

There is also a Flower Festival at St Mary's Church, Bonvilston on Saturday 9/Sunday 10, from 10am until 4pm finishing with a Songs of Praise on Sunday at 6pm. Admission is free.

All money raised from both events will be for the Huggard Centre for the homeless in Cardiff.

Everyone is welcome, with plenty of parking at the Reading Room

opposite the Old Village Shop.

Extend your confidence

A new Strength and Balance Class is starting at Margaret Alexandra Community Centre in Barry on Monday afternoons, 2pm to 3pm, starting September 4.

This class, led by an experienced 'Extend' teacher will help you feel more confident about moving around, staying steady on your feet (thus reducing your risk of falling) and helping to build muscle and bone strength.

The cost is £3.50, including refreshments. Call Age Connects Senior Health Shop 01446 732385 for further information.

Valuable points earned by Barry Athletic cricketers

ON Saturday, Barry Athletic first XI entertained Whitchurch Heath in their penultimate game of the season.

Whitchurch Heath won the toss and decided to bat first and were reduced to 60 for 6 with Peter Hellyar taking 5 for 27 in his 10 overs – before Vanos and Tibbs came together and added 143 for the seventh wicket, to take Whitchurch to 265 for 9 in their 50 overs.

In reply, Barry were soon three wickets down and it was Usswald and Zeeshan made some respectability to the score

scoring 33 and 25 respectively. Peter Hellyar scored 25 and Lee Morgan 59 as Barry reached 188 all out and a valuable seven points to stave off relegation.

This Saturday, Barry first XI entertain champions-in-waiting Abergavenny, with the second XI travelling to Croesyceiliog.

On Sunday, September 24, Barry Athletic Cricket Club will be holding a car boot sale at The Athletic Ground from 8am, limited to 50 cars on a first-come-first-served basis.

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Marathon walk aids MND fundraising



Setting out from Parc y Scarlets.

The Big Walk's big total: £47,762 for Prostate Cymru



A total of £47,762.36 has been raised for Prostate Cymru.

THE Big Walk 2017 was Prostate Cymru's biggest walk to date, with 352 participants taking on the physical and mental challenge of trekking 30 miles from the Principality Stadium, Cardiff, to Kenfig Hill RFC, Bridgend earlier this year.

This year's event also featured the first corporate teams to take on the challenge, Snowdrop Independent Living and Panasonic Cardiff.

Walkers aimed to raise money for the charity through their participation in the event, fundraising in their local community, at work and online via JustGiving.

Thanks to the efforts of the 352 walkers and the generosity of their friends, family and colleagues, The Big Walk 2017 has raised an incredible £47,762.36.

The total was revealed at Cardiff Arms Park on August 25 by rugby legend Sir Gareth Edwards, who officially started this year's walk, and Chris Leyshon, Community and Sports Officer at Prostate Cymru.

Revealing the total, Sir Gareth said: "Little did I realise when we started that walk from Kenfig Hill on that Saturday morning in June, that we'd be standing here just under the fantastic sum of £50,000. I think everybody who contributed should be

congratulated and impressed with that." Chris Leyshon, Community and Sports Officer at Prostate Cymru and founder of The Big Walk, said: "I'd like to thank, on behalf of the charity, our amazing walkers and everyone who has donated for helping to make a huge difference to our work raising awareness of prostate cancer and supporting prostate cancer sufferers.

"We are overwhelmed by the support The Big Walk receives year on year. Since the event's inception in 2014, we have raised an outstanding £13,1008.50 for Prostate Cymru."

Rose Cottage is open for charity

OPEN this Sunday under the National Garden Scheme charity programme is Rose Cottage, 32 Blackmill Road, Bryncethin, Bridgend, CF32 9YN.

An NGS spokeswoman said: "If you want a proper garden with manicured borders and Latin plant names, Rose Cottage isn't the place for you.

"If you want to see how jumbled flower beds, a herb yard, seasonal growing of fruit and vegetables, ideas borrowed from permaculture, NoDig, companion planting and old fashioned cottage gardening helps us with our simple, self reliant

'Great start' to the new GCSEs at Ysgol Llanhari

STAFF and pupils at Ysgol Llanhari were 'delighted' with their GCSE results.

A school spokesperson said: "Year-11 pupils and teachers at Ysgol Llanhari have, in no uncertain terms, reaped the benefits of hard graft and perseverance this summer.

"These are the first results in a new era of examinations and we are delighted that pupils and staff have met the challenge, with the excellent Welsh and English results a highlight of this year's results. 90 per cent of the pupils attained A*-C grades in either, or both languages.

"Overall, 93% of the pupils attained A*-C GCSE grades in five or more subjects and 100% achieved the Level 1 Threshold and 17% of the cohort achieved at least 5A*-A grades.

"A number of this year's pupils have achieved against the odds and we can applaud a set of very pleasing examination results which saw pupils across the ability range being supported to achieve

their goals.

"Staff and parents are delighted to be able to celebrate with all pupils who have fulfilled their potential and we look forward to welcoming many of them back to the sixth form where they can further build on this firm foundation for their future studies. Congratulations.

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EARLIER this month, an intrepid team of walkers signed up to trek 115km to raise money for Motor Neurone Disease (MND).

The challenge meant walking the gruelling distance by starting from Parc y Scarlets in Llanelli on the Saturday, onto Liberty Stadium in Swansea before hitting the Principality Stadium, Cardiff, and reaching the final destination of Rodney Parade in Newport on the Sunday.

It was not the first time that the team had taken on such a challenge. In fact, it was their fourth fundraiser, having cycled from Land's End to John O'Groats, scaled the national five peaks and kayaked across the three largest lakes in the UK in previous years.

Justin Hostettler-Davies who organised the event, said: "The south Wales Branch of MND has completed a series of challenges over the years but this year we wanted to do something here in Wales and I thought that this challenge would be perfect.

"The team signed up back in February and since then we've all been trying to walk as much as possible. We completed a few local 30-mile walks and there has been a lot of individual training."

Justin and the team had a target of raising around £8,500 for Motor Neurone Disease but have already passed that.

Tired but happy at Rodney Parade.

As the two photographs show, not every member completed the full 115km journey, but there were plenty of tired bodies as each reached their personal limit!

Anyone who would like to support the team on its Stadium2 Stadium4MND challenge can visit its JustGiving page at: www.justgiving.com/stadium2stadium4mnd or donations can be made via text by sending 'donate STAD70 £5' to 70070. AS

Princess of Wales is tops

MY husband, aged 79, was admitted to the stroke unit at Princess of Wales Hospital, in Bridgend, having lost the use of his legs.

I want to thank the unit, which was very busy and having 20-plus very sick patients, for the amazing care and kindness shown to him.

Thankfully, he's now well and almost back to normal. The professionalism and excellent nursing care was unsurpassable.

The food was varied and like a hotel – thank you also to the chef.

I can truly recommend this hospital; out of the six hospitals I've been in south Wales in my lifetime, The Princess of Wales is the tops. Thank you. Peggy Leigh, Caerphilly.

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (WALES) ORDER 2012
P17/593/OUT New dwelling (adjacent to footpath 80 Gwyl Valley) - Land off Albany Road Pontycymer by Mrs Stan Lewis
P17/598/RLX Further extend time of P17/552/RLX to submit reserved matters for P100/208/OUT for additional five years (affecting several footpaths) - Land at Parc Derwen Cofy by Penrhos Homes West Wales
RESPOND BY: 13/09/2017
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1989
P17/615/LS New signage to front; replace upvc windows & rainwater goods to new part of building; redecorate rainwater goods & timber fascias to original building and replace timber box sash windows - Glanogwr House Glanogwr Road Bridgend by Haled Housing Association
P17/620/LS Conversion to 3 dwellings and general repairs - The Vestry Methodist Church Pontycymer by Mr P Webb
P17/606/LS Retrospective for a timber stair and proposed works to convert utility room and vacant room into self contained accommodation with a bedroom and washroom - Bear House Cottage by Mr Neil Ferguson
RESPOND BY: 20/09/2017

Mark Shephard Corporate Director Communities / Cyfarwyddwr Cymunedol
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Two charities benefit from smooth-hounds competition



THE second Llantwit Major Charity Fishing Open of 2017 took place on August 20.

Weather was promising for a change, with light southerly winds at 10mph. Good fishing for smooth-hounds had been expected, with excellent catches in the prior week, but they didn't turn up in the expected numbers on the day!

The winning bag went to Andrew Withey, fishing at Boverton, with two hounds for 6.26kg – winning £250 donated by Q-Cars Online Cardiff. Andrew also won the open held in April.

Ray Christoforato, owner of Holton Road Angling in Barry, had the biggest number of fish caught in front of the beach cafe – five, including hounds and huss, for a weight of 6.11kg – winning £150 donated by Maria Hughes of Llantwit Major Beach Cafe.

Third place went to Daniel Crump – manager of Holton Road Angling in Barry who had two hounds for 5.74kg and fished at Boverton – winning £100 donated by Dai & Claire Loder.

Biggest fish of the day went to John Griffiths, who fished at St Donats and caught a hound weighing 4.5kg.



The pool went to Chris Stephens, who caught the biggest rockling – 0.46kg, and winning £73.

Junior prize was won by Dylan Brown of Bridgend, with two eels and a dog for 4.4kg – Dylan won a Rovex Rangemaster Rod worth £120, donated by David Llewellyn of Barry:83 anglers fished, including five juniors.

Amount raised overall from entry and raffle was £1,224 – divided equally between the two charities Ty Hafan and A Price On A Life.

Mark Cowell and Sally Owen would like to thank friends, family and local business for their continued support – especially Maria Hughes, of Llantwit Beach Cafe, who has supported every event over the past six years.



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Barrivale Bridge Club news

THE results for the Barrivale Bridge Individuals session on August 22 were as follows:

The top four winners for the individuals were 1, Alan Jones 63.81 per cent; 2, Noelle Bond 62.38 per cent; 3, Mark Roderick 60 per cent and 4, Allan Rees 59.52 per cent.

The handicap first place was Allan Rees and second place was Pat Price.

As always, new members are welcome at Barrivale bridge club and a partner may be arranged, if required. If

you would like to join us call 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Alternatively, players (inexperienced or new) may attend on Fridays at 10am at the same address where lessons and play take place in a relaxed atmosphere.

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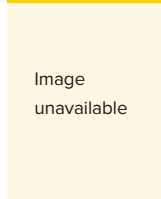
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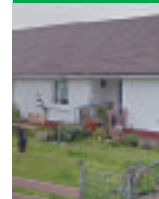
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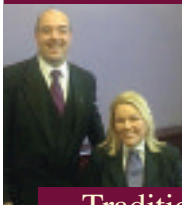
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Ernie will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the funeral service in the Chapel of Rest on Friday, 8th September at 10.30am, followed by committal at Coychurch Crematorium. Flowers may be sent to the funeral home.

**MORGAN
Bryn**

On 24th August 2017 at Brocastle Manor Nursing Home, Bryn, aged 85 years, of Cowbridge. Beloved husband of Edith, loving father of Rachel, David and the late Rebekah. Dear grandad of Richard, Hannah, Amy, James, Adam and Daniel.

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Funeral service at Holy Cross Church on Tuesday, 5th September at 2pm, followed by interment at the Limes Cemetery. Flowers may be sent to Thomas Brothers, Greengate, Ewenny Road, St. Brides Major, CF32 0SB.

**CHICK
Clive William**

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Clive was laid to rest at Barry Cemetery after the service at Merthyr Dylan Chapel on 24th August 2017.

Clive will be greatly missed by his much loved wife Yvonne, his beautiful children Alex, Nicola, Beverly, Vanessa, Caroline, Clive, Wendy, Barry and Paul, his adorable grandchildren and great grandchildren, his sister Margaret, brother Barry and all the rest of his family and friends.

The family would like to thank everyone for all their love and support during this difficult time. Thanks to all the wonderful staff at Holme Towers, the district nurses and everyone else who provided such love, care and support over the past 20 months.

Special thanks to Robert D Johnson Funeral Directors who helped ease the pain and stress and provided such a wonderful service.

Thank you to all friends and family who attended the funeral and made it such a special day. If wished, donations to Holme Towers, Penarth can be made c/o the Funeral Directors.

**DAGLESS
Kathryn (née Ayres)**

On August 23rd, Kathy, aged 44, beloved wife of Niels, precious daughter of Pennie and the late Ken, much loved sister of Matthew.

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Virginia (Ginny)**

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**MORGAN
Paul Michael**

Peacefully on the 22nd of August in hospital, aged 74 years. Beloved husband to Daniela, much loved dad to the late Alexis, Dimetra, Dino and Peter, and a much loved grandad to Oscar, Mia and Lia.

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Funeral service to be held at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 12pm on Thursday, 14th of September.

Acknowledgements

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Christopher John (Frank)

A message from the Couzens family

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Royston, Alison and Angela would like to thank everyone who attended their mother's funeral, expressed messages of sympathy and gave donations to Marie Curie, which totalled £538.35.

Thanks to Donna Lee and all the staff of Marie Curie. Also, thank you to Lyndsay Ellis and team at Vale Funeral Services and the Reverend Andy Gibbs.

**SMITH
Barbara Alda**

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Andrea would like to thank all family and friends for their kind words and condolences in the recent sad loss of her mum Barbara Smith (Babs).

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She loves and misses her Daddy so much ♥

Marcus, Kirsty and Fraser have lost a much loved brother and faithful friend and hold you close in their hearts, as do your nieces and nephews, Grace, Hugo, Theo and Flo. They so miss their uncle Lewis xxxx

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BARRY Wanderers flirtation with relegation continued as they fell short chasing a Dinas Powys total of 178 at Hayes Point on a wonderful late summer's day.

The Wanderers will not finish in the bottom two which would have been enough to avoid relegation last year, but the possibility of three going down has meant that all is still to play for.

Dinas won the toss and elected to bat and 17-year-old Sam Harris bowled beautifully to take two wickets in two balls to leave Dinas on 21 for 2, which became 36 for 3 when the dangerous Gordon Hannah was bowled by Dan Bowles for 18.

It was a pitch to dig in on and no easy runs were on offer but Ryan Todd and Curtis Wingren kept the scoreboard ticking over slowly and the partnership of 67 was crucial.

When Todd fell to a full toss for 33 they had taken the score up to 103 with 10 overs to go and from now on it was Wingren who went on and reached a tremendous 83 before being bowled in the last over of the 45.

It was the perfect innings on a wicket where you really had to dig deep at first and then earn the right to play your shots.

He was ably supported by several partners at the other end who may not have scored many runs but were willing runners between the wickets and the total of 178 was much better than was expected about 45 minutes before.

Recent history suggested that this total would be too much for the Barry team and so it proved as wickets fell at regular intervals and despite the run rate required never getting out of hand, Wanderers were always behind.

Only Matt Anderson with a stubborn 32 hung around for any real length of time as the supporting cast failed to perform.

There were no silly shots particularly but two needless run-outs did little to help the cause and at the end they fell short by 53 runs.

The batting in 2017 has been average and that is being kind. Captain Lewis Clarke took 3 for 23 and special

mention for Alex Vowles who finished wicketless but only went for five singles and a wide off his nine overs.

The Wanderers have one more game this week at home to Monmouth and the club would like to thank Twomlows Solicitors for sponsoring the match balls in recent weeks which has been a big help for a small club.

The seconds finished with another defeat up at Ebbw Vale with only Chris Barnes, with 38, and Satya, with 17, really making any impression in a total of 95 which took Ebbw Vale no time in knocking off for the loss of only one wicket.

It's been a tough season for the seconds who suffered massively due to poor availability but there have been some highlights along the way, with new players joining and Luke Grant getting better every week. Hopefully things will be much better in 2018.

The game on Sunday against our good friends Barry West End went ahead in the most glorious conditions.

The Wanderers, with a strong team for a Sunday, were kindly invited to bat by Glan Williams and a total of 227 was posted thanks to 48 from guest player Sudesh and Kunal, who may as well give up Saturdays as he was brilliant again on a Sunday, with 59 not out.

There was a large gathering of spectators as the reply started in chasing a daunting total. Despite the early loss of Rhys Howell, former Wanderer Andy Fenton joined Mark Williams and put on a fantastic stand of 119 until Fenton was caught at long off for 57.

This meant it was difficult with the incoming batsmen having to keep the run rate up and due to some tight bowling from young Josh Marsh and old Tim Bowker wickets kept falling.

Williams finished on a truly memorable 105 with the total on 202. It really was the perfect Sunday to finish off August for another year. Days like this need to be bottled, it was fantastic.

On Sunday the team entertain a Dave Fiddler XI so more fun is on the horizon.

AF

YMCA club welcomes fellow gymnasts from Belgian twin town to train in Barry



A day out on Barry Island.

YMCA Barry were very excited to host a team of Belgian gymnasts from Barry's twin town Mouscron, who train in Gym Passion, Herseaux.

Fourteen female gymnasts aged between eight and 16 travelled to Barry to spend the week training alongside YMCA Barry's female competitive gymnasts.

Three high level gymnastics coaches travelled with the gymnasts, one being an international judge at European Gymnastics Championships who is hoping to judge in the upcoming World Championships.

One of the coaches, as a young gymnast had come over to Barry 30 years previously on a similar exchange trip, and thoroughly enjoyed her time returning to the area with her own gymnasts.

The gymnasts had a mixture of intense training and fun activities where they were able to really get to know each other, despite speaking different languages.

They completed 21 hours of training throughout the week, with both the Barry and Mouscron gymnasts learning valuable new techniques and lessons from each other.

Despite working hard and behaving impeccably, the gymnasts still had the energy to enjoy fun day trips.

Gymnasts from Mouscron and Barry

were able to visit and have dinner at the Mayor's Parlour, where they met the Vale of Glamorgan Mayor and talked about their first day of training.

The Belgian team and coaches enjoyed a morning at Cardiff Bay, where they went on a boat ride and explored Techniquet. Finally, the gymnasts enjoyed a party at YMCA Barry.

The gymnasts excelled themselves all week and the YMCA Barry members were sorry to see their new friends leave.

However, YMCA Barry will look forward to visiting Mouscron next summer, to train and spend a week with the Gym Passion team.

YMCA Barry gymnastics club is the most successful in the Vale, with a varied and diverse programme. This includes drop-in toddler gym, preschool, recreational gymnastics and cheerleading, as well as a very successful competitive programme for male and female gymnasts.

The most recent success is having two male competitive gymnasts currently undergoing trials for the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

If your child would like to try gymnastics call 01446 724000, or email sophie@ymcabarry.org.uk to receive further information about classes.

Centurions remain in the promotion hunt after victory

SULLY Centurions hosted Monkswood at Burnham Avenue and finished with a victory to keep in touch in the promotion stakes.

Batting first, Sully's openers Gethin Hicks and Rhett Jones took the score along to 44 before Hicks was caught and bowled by Trumper for 14.

It became 52 for 2 in the 12th over when Santosh Singh fell to the same bowler for five. Jones went on to hit 44 and David Goodway's 35 also added to the momentum.

However, the run rate slowed down considerably and, in spite of a dogged 32 from Pavel and a late unbeaten 18 from Nathan Cuddihy, the home side missed out on maximum batting points - finishing on 194 for 8 at the end of the 45 overs.

The wickets were shared out among the Monkswood bowlers, with Trumper's 2 for 24 being the best figures.

In reply, the visitors reached 40 before losing the wicket of skipper Mike Jones, bowled by Santosh for 28.

This started a bit of a collapse as the next four wickets fell for just 17 runs. Lloyd Bruce celebrated his return to the fold by claiming five victims, with Bharrat chipping in with a fine 3 for 18 and the innings was wrapped up when Ricki Griffith picked up the wicket of Probert with the score on 115, giving Centurions a victory by 79 runs.

With Monmouth unexpectedly losing at Vale, this win has put Sully back in second place with just one match remaining.

Sully Centurions 194-8, Monkswood 115 all out.

The second XI made the trip to Monkswood, starting the day in third place and still in with a shout for promotion.

But the hosts, who are top of the table, proved too strong for a Sully side missing a few regulars, due to unavailability and having some players who were carrying injuries.

Skipper Dave Sylvester won the toss and opted to bat, but unfortunately his innings lasted just one ball when he was bowled by Webb for a golden duck.

However, Russell Thomas and Jason Hicks set about building the innings and pushed the score along to 85 before Hicks was caught and bowled by Weller for 25.

Russell Thomas was joined by Nick Jones and the pair shared a stand of 26 before the opener went for a very well-made 62. The run rate then slowed considerably and this, coupled with the regular fall of wickets, left Centurions struggling to post a competitive score.

David Morgan, struggling with a hamstring problem, hit an unbeaten 26, but the total of 158 for 8 was always going to be difficult to defend.

For Monkswood, the bowling honours went to Ahsan with 4 for 34.

After a fine tea (best of the season was the Sully verdict) the home side set about the task of overhauling the Centurions' total.

Patrick Lane opened the bowling for the first time and in spite of a jittery start, soon got into his stride and was rewarded with the wicket of Rod Jones (28) thanks to a smart catch from Mike Oatridge behind the stumps.

Nick Jones was unlucky to miss out on a wicket and his figures of 0 for 24 off his eight overs was scant reward for some tidy bowling.

Monkswood opener Kilmister, meanwhile, was content to accumulate his runs, with support from first Tucker (who was dismissed for 24 following a spectacular diving catch from Patrick lane off the bowling of Thomas) and then the big hitting Griffiths, who smashed a quick 46 not out.

Kilmister ended on an unbeaten 50 as Monkswood ran out deserved winners for the loss of just two wickets.

Monkswood II 160-2, Sully Centurions II 158-8.

MF

Away win for Romilly

BARRY Romilly's bowls season is coming to a close with just two games to be played, both away from home against Gelli Park and Ynysybwl.

The first of these games was at Gelli Park last Saturday and with the league positions close, the result was important to Romilly who, although currently sitting at the top of the table, had played up to three games more.

As a result it was imperative for Romilly to gain as many points as possible to ensure First Division status.

Gelli are a difficult side to beat on their own patch but Romilly were keen to get a positive start and not allow the home team a foothold over the first few ends, and this was achieved with Romilly holding a two-shot advantage by the end of the fifth mainly due to the rink of Alan Bannister, Gwynne Rees, Graham Cogbill and skip Fred Phillips who started confidently, holding a seven-shot lead at this stage.

Between ends six and 10 the game remained tight with Romilly slightly increasing their narrow lead to five shots with the overall score 37-32.

The rinks of Bryan Foscolo, Mike Doyle and Phillips were leading by four, five and two respectively; unfortunately the rink of Alun Bryan, Jerry Daly, Clive Collins and skip Jeff Wright had fallen six shots behind their opposing rink, skipped by the renowned Spencer Wiltshire.

As the game progressed the Romilly players began to out play their opposition and by the end of the 15th end, Wright's rink had recovered their deficit and were now two ahead.

Mike Doyle's rink of Kelynn Mills, Terry Bloomfield and Mel Newman had a bad spell, dropping 11 shots in this period but the rink of Gary Eastment, Paul Swannick, Roger Jones and skip Foscolo scored 11 shots to a reply of one, taking them into a 21-7 lead.

Also, Phillips' rink remained in control of their opposition, holding a six shot advantage, helping Romilly to an overall 64-46 and a 18 shot lead.

Over the final six ends, Romilly had to hold their concentration to win overall but were required to hold their form to win on all rinks to gain maximum points.

Unfortunately Doyle's rink were having a great tussle with their opposition and on the 20th end the score was level at 20-20; on the final end the visitors were holding game until their opposition trailed the jack into the ditch, leaving Doyle with little chance of gaining shot and eventually dropping a couple of shots to lose 20-22.

Wright and Phillips' rinks won their games by five and six respectively but the Foscolo rink had a superb game, scoring 7, 6, 2 and 6 over ends 15 to 18 to win by 27 shots, 37-10.

The final overall score was a 36-shot win, 102-66, with Romilly taking an excellent 12 points to Gelli's two.

This result should be sufficient to enable First Division status and the final game against Ynysybwl will probably decide their fate in this division, so a difficult final game of the season is expected.

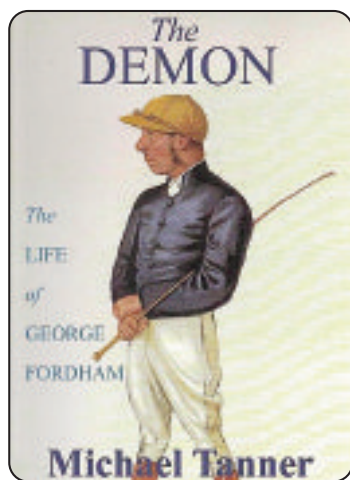
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Charity veterans' rugby day supports local man



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THE GENIUS OF 'THE DEMON' IS TOLD IN NEW BOOK



IN racing, as in all things, there are stars.

Then there are real stars. And then there's genius. George Fordham was a genius. And defining genius taxes conventional criteria.

His talent was God given. This Victorian paragon rode the first of his 2587 winners. Hampton at Brighton on 9 October 1851, aged 14 and weighing barely four stone.

Just four years later he was crowned champion jockey, the first of 14 titles (a total only exceeded by Sir Gordon Richards) that also saw him collect 16 English classics plus a nickname embodying his devilish skills, 'The Demon'.

History, however, has not been kind to Fordham. The explanation is simple. Fate decreed his outstanding career be overshadowed by that bitter rival Fred Archer, a jockey deemed his inferior yet enormously successful and widely celebrated.

Archer, whose nickname of 'The Tinman' derived from his insatiable pursuit of 'tin', Victorian slang for money, was the polar opposite of 'The Demon'.

Whereas Fordham was squat, rubicund and affable, Archer was pale, lanky and brooding. And if Archer rode like a man with the devil at his elbow, Fordham rode like a wizard with wand at the ready.

Despite the inevitable loss of his turf war with his 20 years younger adversary prior to his retirement in 1884

owing to ill-health, 'The Demon' prevailed in countless skirmishes.

His talents drove Archer to utter frustration - 'The Demon' was the itch Archer couldn't scratch. Nowhere was this better demonstrated than in the 'match' races

that were a staple ingredient on Victorian race-cards.

Fordham and Archer were invariably the jockeys of

choice in these two-horse duels and they provided the perfect stage for Fordham's mastery of 'kidology'.

Fordham had the art of feigning distress off to a tee. By inducing premature effort from an overconfident rival, it enabled him to catch them out with his famed last-ditch 'rush'.

Archer was no exception, once hurling his saddle across the weighing room following humiliating defeat.

Eventually Archer's fragile psyche and brittle constitution cracked; 'The Tinman' shot himself. He was just 29 years old.

Thus legends implanted in our sporting consciousness: books are written; laurels awarded; glorification ensues.

Yet truth will out.

Fordham was considered Archer's superior by the majority of contemporary jockeys, trainers, horsemen and scribes.

But Fordham's death was far less Homeric. Consumption and alcohol abuse took its toll on the 50-year-old's body in October 1887. Thus legends expunged; books are not written and laurels wither on the vine.

The worth of any competitor is gauged by those he competes against, and the measure of George Fordham is

the stature of the jockey he deigned his inferior - sufficient testimony to acknowledge him as the finest flat jockey of the 19th century and one to rank alongside Gordon Richards and Lester Piggott.

This 420-page cracking book can be obtained from MichaelRTanner@ymail.com or www.amazon.co.uk and www.authorhouse.co.uk.

Meanwhile, jockey Jason Kiely who is based at Tim Vaughan's Aberthyn yard in the Vale, has been awarded a new media traineeship by Racecourse Media Group, the parent company of Racing UK and Jockeys Education Training Scheme.

Irish-born Kiely, aged 26, and who has ridden five winners, said: "To have been chosen for this traineeship is a dream-come-true for me. It really is an excellent initiative and I believe having more ex-jockeys involved in the media will prove advantageous."

"Working in the racing media has always been what I've wanted to do after riding and now thanks to JETS and Racecourse Media Group, it's a definite possibility."

"I'm sure I will get some fantastic insights into all the different areas, which will hopefully offer me a bright future within our sport."

BRIAN LEE

Players climb the ladder at chess club

I have been the reigning champion of the Barry Ladder since 2011 and have not actually lost a ladder match.

However this year I find myself finishing in third place having albeit only played in two of the five rounds.

The final round took place with 10 participants. On top board and playing for the title were Tom Cooke and John Ryles.

In a hard-fought contest John appeared to have the upper hand but some strong responses from Tom left the match result in the balance until a draw was agreed when Tom was able to contrive a perpetual check position.

Sam Jukes and Stephen Bonutto both earned wins that were expected due to the differential in their ratings when compared to their opponents.

The other two ties were much closer and could have gone either way. Sam White took a win over John Stephenson and with time ebbing away Martin

Ricketts earned his only victory in the competition to swap places with Chris Green leaving Chris at the bottom of the ladder.

It should be noted that both Martin Ricketts and Ray Denyer had some tough opponents and Ray showed a willingness to persevere when under significant pressure.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at <http://barrychessclub.yol.asite.com>.

PHIL JONES

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SEVEN teams and many friends and family enjoyed a great day of rugby as they raised money to support local man Leighton Dutton.

Lots of money was raised as teams battled out in a veterans tournament which saw a team of ex-professionals in action.

Player of the day Tom Cotter was presented with his trophy by Wales and Blues player Alex Cuthbert.

JD



Barry Athletic bowling pair just fall short

IT was a case of so near and yet so far for the Barry Athletic pair of Glyn Thomas and Martin Clarke at the 2017 Welsh national Championships at Llandrindod.

Having comfortably seen off the challenge of Ely Valley's Chris Ashman and Phil Robbins in the county final, hopes were high for the Barry duo to lift the title, won previously by Glyn and his former pairs partner Robert Horgan in 2003 and 2005.

The performance and the results started well for the Barry pair at the finals in Llandrindod as they comfortably disposed of Pontrhydyfen's Barrie Evans by 20 shots to 15 in the last 16, and that was quickly followed up with a match against a home club pairing skipped by Chris Martin in the quarter final.

This was a more tense affair but with superb bowls from the two Athletic players as the match reached its climax, Glyn and Martin held their nerve to win a tight encounter by 20 shots to 19.

A new day saw a semi-final against the Carmarthenshire pair of Mark Watkins and Jake Hancock, who had progressed with narrow victories over the Ferndale and Gilfach pairs.

However Glyn and Martin were in no mood to miss the main event and powered through the semi to win by four shots, 23-19, to set up a final against top Welsh international Mark Wyatt and his partner Chris Doidge from Caerphilly, with the prize of qualification for the British finals in 2018 at stake.

As with previous matches this was a tight encounter with Martin Clarke consistently laying good heads for Glyn to develop and it was only the skill and an occasional element of good fortune from skip Mark Wyatt that kept the game tight in the early exchanges.

With the scores locked at 14 shots each on the 18th end it was still all to play for but a series of brilliant shots from skip Wyatt effectively turned the

game in favour of the Caerphilly duo. With the Barry pair holding four shots, Wyatt, with a deadly combination of running woods and draw shots, converted the head to score three shots, and provided an advantage that the Barry pair could not overcome.

Needing three shots on the last end to take the match in to an extra end, and despite good bowls from lead Martin and skip Glyn, they could not muster enough and narrowly lost out in an epic encounter by two shots.

A narrow defeat by 19 shots to 17 was not what the Barry pair and their travelling support had wanted but they had to concede defeat to the top class Caerphilly pairing who will now go on to represent Wales in the British Isles championships next year.

The Barry pair can rue some missed chances but they will surely have caught the international selectors' attention when the international trial teams are selected for the 2018 season, and the Barry club can also reflect in the success, and its ability to produce top class players that can continually compete at the highest level of Welsh bowls year after year.

Returning to league action, the PG1 side were in search of points, but were up against Carruthers shield semi-finalists Ely Valley, who were also looking to assert themselves after their defeat at Llandrindod.

With the weather set fair, the 4Wood green at Barry looking and running at its very best, this was all set up for a tight encounter.

It was the visitors who established a small advantage first, with Paul Taylor racing in to a 8-1 lead over Richard Bowen, and John Applegate building a 10-2 advantage over Glyn Thomas, whose rink was finding the going tough.

Dave Wright started well against the experienced



Martin Clarke and Glyn Thomas with the Vale of Glamorgan pairs trophy.

Phil Robbins, racing to a 11-6 lead and Rob Horgan also started well to establish a lead over Chris Ashman of 8-1.

As the game progressed it was the visitors who found the quick-paced Barry green more to their liking more than the home side.

John Applegate's rink applied the pressure to build a 20-8 lead after 13 ends and leave Glyn Thomas's rink staring at defeat, eventually running out victors by 28 shots to 15.

David Wright's progress was halted as they dropped two fours and a five mid-game to trail 13 shots to 21, and Robert Horgan also dropped two threes to fall behind 11-19.

With the four rinks in deficit the writing was on the wall for the Barry outfit and the points gained from individual rink victories looked to be the only realistic option for the home side.

With three rinks well down it was left to Richard Bowen's rink, with superb consistency from Gary Gane, Mike Vaughan and Geoff Whittaker, to apply the pressure against former Commonwealth star Paul Taylor in an attempt to avoid the whitewash.

Although in deficit 13-18 on 18 ends the Barry combination responded well to take a three and a

four on the 19th and 20th ends respectively to lead by two going in to the final end.

Despite an exceptional shot with his last bowl from Paul Taylor, the visitors were only able to recoup one of the two shots needed on the final end and the Barry rink ran out victors by 20 shots to 19 and earn a valuable two points for their ongoing relegation battle.

However a creditable performance from the visitors saw them run out well deserved victors by 26 shots, 66-92.

The outcome of the Athletic's PG2 side's visit to Penarth Windsor was altogether a better outcome than the PG1 side.

Still favourites for promotion but with a much-depleted side, the battle with St Fagan's to top the league is still very much on and points from this match against neighbours Penarth Windsor were vital for the run in.

A good performance from all the players selected ensured that they claimed another important victory by 12 points to 2 to confirm promotion to the top division.

Architect of the away win was skip Mike Jones, with Don Evans at his superlative best in the swansong of his bowling career, who put together a 30-13 win over the home team.

The experienced Gareth Humphries also ground out a win by a single shot whilst Albert Minterm effectively turned the game with his 26-13 shots victory, scoring 13 shots without reply over the last five ends.

So with one match to go and promotion already secured, the selectors will be ensuring that a strong competitive side is fielded for the final fixture against Cardiff Athletic to give the Barry Athletic PG2 team the best opportunity to be crowned champions.

The opening day defeat at Cardiff now seems a long way off and the team has gone from strength to strength under the captaincy of Paul Webley and the experience of his players, and irrespective of the result, it will be remembered as a successful season for the club that restores them to the top division of the Private Greens 2 division.

RB

Table tennis players wanted

THE Cardiff and District Table Tennis League games recommence at the end of September, and there are a number of clubs in Barry with teams in this league.

The Penmark Club, which plays in the village hall, has three teams in the league and enjoyed a successful season in 2016/7, with one team looking for promotion from the third to the second division.

The club has a mixture of ages and abilities and many new members join with only their school or youth club table tennis experience.

In the coming season, the club is short of a few players and would welcome new members.

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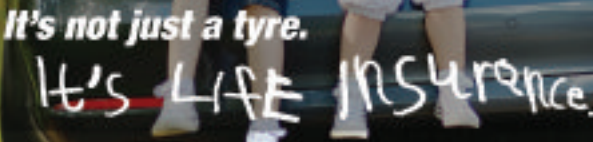


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Cottrell Park ladies enjoy away golf trip



News from the Vale of Glamorgan Pool League

THURSDAY night pool is back with a bang.

The league has welcomed five new venues - Glenbrook Inn, Millwood, O'Briens, the Ship and the Libs.

But it's business as usual as last year's champions the Billy United and league runners-up the Witchill who look favourites to dominate the new season.

The Witchill had an emphatic 10-2 win over the plucky Borough, with Wales under-21 snooker player Ryan Rowlands winning the first trophy of the season when he broke against Andrew Churchill.

The Witchill took a commanding 5-0 lead, but were pegged back 6-2, helped by a great frame from Robert Larkin and Andrew Churchill against Bardsley and Morris. The Witchill fought back and won the last four frames.

A great start for Millwood Pot Jacks with a resounding 10-2 home win against O'Briens with Nick Parry, Alan Evans, Nigel Tutton and Jeff Bartle impressing for Millwood.

John Wolfenden the stand-out player for O'Briens. The Libs played their first home game against last year's champions Billy United and gave a good account of themselves, losing by five games to seven with young Tom Ivins, captain Alex Campbell and Peter Davies being the Libs' stand-out players.

The following Thursday they travelled to new boys Glenbrook Wanderers and came away with a 7-5 win. The Libs stormed into a 5-1 lead at the halfway stage, however they struggled

in the second half of the match, hanging onto a narrow 7-5 win.

Nick Taylor and Karl Marsh shone for the Glenbrook, with Alex Campbell and Ben Nicholas the stars for the Libs.

The new format meant we didn't have long to wait for our first 6-6 draw, as Borough v Millwood would be the first sudden death blackball shoot-out.

The young Borough team raced to a 2-0 lead but the old heads of Millwood soon steadied the ship and took a 5-2 lead.

Borough's Sara Hayles soon helped bring them back to 4-5 then Millwood captain Gary Williams made it 6-4.

Back came the Borough and their tenacious doubles brought the scores level at 6-6.

Vale of Glamorgan Football round-up

THE big fight feel took over the Vale on Saturday, not for the boxing, but for Vale football league action.

We start in the Premier Division, as St Athan rebounded from their opening day defeat to put FC Barry Belgrade to the sword with an impressive 5-2 win in Belgrade's Premier Division bow.

The result of Cowbridge Town vs Penarth Town was still

Millwood captain Williams took all the glory by winning the shoot out.

A great night had by all - a shame there had to be a loser.

Another new team, the King William IV, had a great 8-4 win against Martin Crokes' O'Briens with Lee Philips by far the best player on the night, but he couldn't have done it without the support of Les Hunt, Geoff Froud and the superb Neil Tipples.

O'Briens fought hard in every game with Harry Windsor, Wolfenden and captain Croke their best players.

The league are still looking for players of all capabilities to join, especially at the Witchill, O'Briens and the Castle. You can contact us through Facebook, or phone Anthony on 07568 444180. JB

unknown as of writing.

In Division One, Sully Sports are now the only team to have a 100 per cent record at this very early stage of the season, showing the competitiveness of the First Division.

Sully notched an excellent 5-0 win over SP Billy, Tynwydd and Cadoxton Imps played out a 1-1 draw while Cardiff Airport were 4-2 victors over Barry Saints.

Cwm Talwg got their first win of the campaign edged out Penarth Town B 1-0 in a tight affair - to make it two wins from their first two games.

The result of Cowbridge Town vs Penarth Town was still

ON Sunday, August 20, a group of ladies from Cottrell Park Golf Club travelled by coach to the Wiltshire Golf and Country Club near Royal Wootton Bassett, for their three days away, organised by Jeannette Williams, ladies' captain.

They were given a warm welcome on arrival, the accommodation was good and the food excellent.

Following a bacon bap, a 12 hole, Stableford competition was played with best two out of four scores to

count. The winning team was Carole Duncanson, Margaret Rees, Lorna Howells and Regina Drew with 52 points. After drinks with the ladies' captain, they were presented with their prizes before dinner.

The next day, an 18-hole team Stableford was played, together with an individual Stableford for the Lady Cottrell trophy, won by Margaret Thomas with 31 points.

The winning team was Norma Fryer, Tina Morgan, Lorraine Pointon-Bell and Jeannette Williams with 77 points. Nearest the pin was Tina Morgan. Prizes were again presented before dinner.

No fixtures next Saturday due to the international break, but there is full a league programme this Wednesday evening, with Rhoeus vs Barry Belgrade and Cogan vs Sully the stand-out games. HD

Mixed rinks and charity day at the Millwood Bowls Club



WITH the season beginning to wind down, although a couple of important fixtures still remain, Millwood were very pleased to host a visiting team from Bridgwater for a match six mixed rinks and very pleasing it was indeed to see all rinks in full use during the afternoon.

The weather gods shone on us and a good bowling afternoon was enjoyed by all players. The rinks were evenly matched and at the end of an enjoyable game the players retired to the clubhouse for a meal and refreshments.

The captains of both sides made short speeches thanking all concened for arranging a very successful match and looking forward to a return fixture in Bridgwater next year.

The only league fixture this week fell to the A side, who travelled to Llantwit for a Division 7 match.

Unfortunately, due to late withdrawals through illness, the home side were not at full strength and despite their best efforts were unable to prevent Millwood recording a comfortable victory by 90 shots to 50 shots, taking all 14 points on offer.

We thank Llantwit very much indeed for making the effort to play and we look forward to renewing rivalries next year.

The club's annual charity day, organised by

this year's captains Julie Mason and John Slee, on Sunday was blessed by reasonable weather and a very good turn out of members, friends and families to support the raising of funds for this year's chosen charity, the local branch of Scope.

There were also the usual selection of stalls and raffles very kindly organised by the members of the ladies section which added considerably to the final sum collected.

The afternoon started with a Spyder competition for a bottle of whisky, the winner being the bowler whose bowl finishes nearest to marker in the centre of the green.

The winner on this occasion was that well-known lover of all things Scottish, Michael Lucas. The rest of the afternoon was devoted to a Spoons competition, played over 11 ends on a Triples basis.

It was obvious from the noise and laughter on the various rinks that a good time was being had by all players - and after the completion of the games, everybody retired to the clubhouse for refreshments and drinks.

Throughout the afternoon, Paul Richards, the local manager for Scope, and his family had joined with us in the fun and games and was very pleased to accept a cheque for £650 from Julie and John.

Paul thanked Millwood and all the members for their generosity, and promised that the money would be put to very good use.

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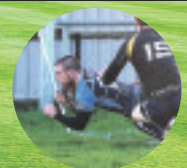
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The Saints bounce back against Barry Belgrade

ST ATHAN bounced back from last week's opening day defeat with a bang to blast Belgrade 5-2 in a clinical display.

Captain marvel Jordan Mortimore notched four goals after veteran forward Craig Howells opened the scoring inside 30 seconds.

Saints saw three changes from last week as the injury bug continued to tear through the squad with Aaron Rogers (groin), Paul Lucas (ankle) and Ryan John (marriage) all ruled out.

But along with Howells, Nicky Cox returned just two weeks

after surgery and Leigh Lewis came into the side.

Saints couldn't have made a better start after a frustrating afternoon last week, stealing possession from kick off. Kieran Ashton played in Josh Harfoot who fed Mortimore. His low ball across goal was met by Howells at the far post. A perfect start for Saints to stun the home side.

Belgrade tried to regain composure and saw a looping header over the bar minutes later and then a free kick fired well wide.

Belgrade looked to play out from the back but were clearly unsettled by the hustle and bustle of the away

team.

Centre-halves Brad Young and Jamie Robinson were once again in fine form, repelling anything that came at them – if the opposition could get past Joe Laing, who was putting out fires in front of them.

Finally Belgrade got the leveller as a through ball down their left saw their striker advance into the area to fire a low strike past Cox.

Saints looked to hit back right away as Harfoot saw a low strike well held by the keeper.

St Athan soon retook the lead as sleep-deprived Tony Pugh burst into life with a probing run from right back.

He exchanged a one-two with Mortimore and drove into the area where he was bundled over and a penalty awarded. Mortimore duly dispatched it and Saints were back in front. Both sides saw chances wide as the half drew to a close.

The second period saw Belgrade gain a foothold in the game and push to equalise again.

The game ebbed and flowed, Belgrade saw efforts off target as Saints looked to counter.

Pugh and Ashton combined to cross for Howells who headed over.

Saints were on the back foot and needed something to give them some breathing space.

That came in the form of a free kick about 25 yards out. Mortimore stepped up and there was never any doubt as the skipper fired the set-piece into the net.

The stuffing seemed to be knocked out of Belgrade and Saints capitalised. The excellent Pugh burst down the wing, exchanged passes with Karl Steel and then played the ball in from the right flank to Mortimore, who dropped his shoulder

and fizzed a low left footed effort past the keeper for his hat-trick.

Belgrade threw caution to the wind and for once Saints switched off defensively and a cross into the box was met by the head of the forward to pull one back.

Belgrade smelt a chance of a comeback with less than 10 minutes to go but St Athan extinguished any hope with the final goal of the game.

Cox played the ball into the path of Pugh who surged forward; he laid it off to Ashton and his pinpoint cross found Mortimore who delivered a cushioned header back across goal and it nestled into the net, his fourth of the afternoon.

A big win and response for St Athan - Saints produced a resolute, gritty and clinical performance with Pugh, Young, Robinson, Laing, Steel, Ashton, Lewis, Howells, Mortimore the stand-outs.

Saints now have a two week break before they welcome Rhosce to the village.

St Athan: Cox, Pugh, Harfoot, Young, Robinson, Laing, Steel, Ashton, Lewis, Howells, Mortimore.

HD

Ladies compete in-house for trophy

LAST Tuesday, Llantwit Major ladies enjoyed playing against each other for the Marion James Trophy.

A knockout competition, it was an enjoyable afternoon. The winner was Naomi Baelz and Mo Andrews was the runner-up. Well done to all the bowlers, some close scores throughout.

Thank you Marian for organising the afternoon.

On Thursday we welcomed Kenfig Hill and Pyle. With the league coming to a close, it was farewell to them until

next season.

It was a close game all round with the lead on all risks constantly changing. Edna, Barbara, Margaret and Julie settled down on the 12th end and won 17-11.

A seven on the 13th end put Naomi, Margaret H, Helen and Carol in the lead and although Kenfig came back, drawing on the 17th, Llantwit managed a three on the last end, winning 19-16.

A five on the eighth end put Kenfig up against Liz, Mo Marilyn and Etta but they closed the gap losing only by one 14-15 – well done ladies.

CW

Warm-up win for Llantwit Major RFC

ON A warm glorious bank holiday weekend, Llantwit Major RFC had their final warm-up game against Pontrhydyfen RFC from the Afan Valley, the Llantonnians winning the game 19-7.

The game was, as is the norm in warm-up games, played in four 20 minute periods, which considering the heat, at least gave the players a well-earned rest and opportunity to hydrate.

The encounter didn't start well for the home side as a tough and abrasive Pont side, who were more than a match for their opponents in the tackle area, made a series of drives into Llantwit territory and several penalties later, a strong driving maul brought the first score with a converted try.

The Llantonnians

though were quick to respond, putting pressure on the catcher from the restart and then from a resultant line out they made a series of forward drives which saw prop Dave Taylor charge over, converted by Josh Austin to level the scores.

The next try came from a well-worked line out well inside the Llantwit half, the ball was thrown to Alex Keeton at the back, and passed down to Rhys Balmont.

The scrum half, spotting a gap, went through the line out and then sped off on a great individual run leaving the Pont defence in tatters as he rounded the final defender and went under the posts, again converted by Austin.

This sadly though was the end of any really exciting play as the rest of the game confined itself to a battle between the packs at the tackle area.

The only other action

of note was a well-taken try towards the end by the home pack, who used some line out ball from Joe Hartley to organise themselves into a good driving maul which was eventually driven over by Dave Taylor for his second score.

Man of the match was young Evan Holloway at centre. Still a youth player, he showed glimpses of both skill and courage well above his years.

This Saturday the rugby starts in earnest as Llantwit take on the Old Penarthians at home in their first league fixture, kick off at 2.30pm.

The following week they make the long trip over to Cowbridge to renew the local derby.

Also this Saturday there will be a home second XV game (or The Druids as they are fondly known) against Llanharan Seconds, kick-off at 2.30pm.

AH

A busy weekend for men's bowling team

LLANTWIT MAJOR men's bowling teams had a busy weekend, playing on both Saturday and Sunday.

On Saturday they travelled to Ynysangharad (Pontypridd) which has proved a difficult fixture in recent times; this was no exception with Llantwit losing 74-61.

Adrian Woods' rink were the only winners for Llantwit. After being behind in the early stages they took the lead on the sixth end.

After this the game was in the balance until the final few ends when Llantwit took control to win by five shots, a good result with the skip well supported by Glyn Fox, Ambrose Horgan and Tony Thomas.

Charles Hiscock's rink gave a good account of themselves, only allowing the opposition to just keep their noses in front.

Llantwit were only one behind on the 19th end before losing the final two ends to lose by three shots.

Graham Jones' rink started well, winning the first two ends; after this it was all downhill with the opposing lead having an excellent game to give them a good foundation for a runaway win.

Steve Booker's rink had a poor first half of the match and were eight shots in arrears at the tea interval.

Llantwit then hit a purple patch, winning six ends on the trot to draw level, only losing in the end by one

shot.

On Sunday Llantwit made the journey to Fair Oak (Cardiff) for a rearranged league match.

Llantwit played much better on this occasion, winning on three rinks, 86-69.

Adrian Woods' rink had another good win in control of the game from the start, enjoying an 11-shot lead at the tea break. Llantwit continued to bowl well, resulting in a 10-shot win.

Charles Hiscock's rink were behind at the break by two shots. Llantwit improved after this to go ahead, only then to drop seven shots on the 16th end.

Llantwit brushed this aside, winning the next four ends to win by two shots.

Steve Booker's rink had a very difficult green to play on; after winning the first end Llantwit went behind with a lead changing frequently.

Llantwit held a three-shot advantage on the 18th end only to drop five on the next end to lose by two.

Graham Jones' rink had a much-needed win after a lean spell. Llantwit kept the lead for most of the game, having two bad ends after tea.

They then finished well, winning six of the last seven ends to win by seven shots.

Rink scores: AW 26-16, CH 24-22, SB18-20, GJ 18-11.

NY

Triples weekend at local bowls club

COWBRIDGE Bowling Club's Triples weekend got underway on a glorious Friday afternoon.

Four matches were played with the winners moving forward to the quarter finals on Sunday against the four teams who had byes.

Comfortable wins took the teams of Norman Wilkinson, Clive Pritchard and Colin Wilson through to the next round, where they were joined by Dennis Snelling who beat Gerry Lloyd's team by a single shot.

The luck of the draw meant that in three matches, husbands and wives were playing against each other.

Clive Pritchard won against his wife and opposite skip, Dorothy, whilst in the other matches all the ladies, Jean Hunt, Sandra Collin and Jane Westlake were on winning sides against their respective spouses.

On Sunday, another glorious afternoon for the quarter-finals saw good wins for the teams of Colin Wilson, Dennis Snelling, Norman Wilkinson and

Mansell Davey who all proceeded to the semi-finals on Monday morning.

In the match between Mansell and Clive Pritchard, Clive was leading 8-2 at the halfway stage but then Mansell's team won all the remaining ends to win 14-8.

Bank Holiday Monday was another fine day. One of the morning semi-finals was won 11-7 by Norman Wilkinson and his team of Lynda Wilson and Terry Foley, against Colin Wilson, Diane Lloyd and Jane Westlake.

Credit to Jane Westlake, a new bowler, for the excellent game she had in this, and the two earlier rounds.

The other semi-final was won by Dennis Snelling, Sandra Collin and Jean Hunt against Mansell Davey, John Wathes and Gerwyn Watkins.

In this match Mansell was down 14-1 at one stage and pulled back to 14-10 but was unable to sustain this comeback, eventually going down 18-12.

Monday afternoon saw the finals played in glorious sunshine with

over 40 club members there to watch the game.

It was such a close-fought contest that after 13 ends only 15 shots had been scored, with Norman's team leading 8-7.

The spectators were enthralled as Norman's team had three winning ends to take the score to 14-8 in the penultimate end.

Even then on the last end Dennis was holding five shots until Terry Foley came in to take shot wood with the final score being 14-10 to Norman.

The team of Lynda Wilson, Terry Foley and skip Norman Wilkinson were presented with the Principality Triples Trophy by club president Mary Thomas.

Club chairman, Diane Lloyd, thanked the competition secretary for organising such a successful weekend.

The culmination of the club competitions takes place next week and we are all looking forward to another successful bowling weekend.

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